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which ensued, and the Settlements made afterwards in different Parts: Cir-  
cumstances of great Consequence, which were subsequent to the GENTILE  
HISTORY of MOSES.

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# P R E F A C E.

Νάφε, και μεμνασ' απισειν' αρθρα ταυτα των φρενων.

EPICHARMUS.

**I**T is my purpose in the ensuing work to give an account of the first ages ; and of the great events, which happened in the infancy of the world. In consequence of this I shall lay before the Reader, what the Gentile writers have said upon this subject, collaterally with the accounts given by Moses, as long as I find him engaged in the general history of mankind. By these means I shall be able to bring surprising proofs of those great occurrences, which the sacred penman has recorded. And when his history becomes more limited, and is confined to a peculiar people, and a private dispensation ; I shall proceed to shew, what was subsequent to his account after the migration of families, and the dispersion from the plains of Shinar. When mankind were multiplied upon the earth, each great family had by

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<sup>1</sup> divine appointment a particular place of destination, to which they retired. In this manner the first nations were constituted, and kingdoms founded. But great changes were soon effected; and colonies went abroad without any regard to their original place of allotment. New establishments were soon made; from whence ensued a mixture of people and languages. These are events of the highest consequence: of which we can receive no intelligence, but through the hands of the Gentile writers.

It has been observed by many of the learned, that some particular family betook themselves very early to different parts of the world; in all which they introduced their rites and religion, together with the customs of their country. They represent them as very knowing and enterprizing: and with good reason. They were the first, who ventured upon the seas, and undertook long voyages. They shewed their superiority and address in the numberless expeditions, which they made, and the difficulties, which they surmounted. Many have thought that they were colonies from Egypt, or from Phenicia; having a regard only to the settlements, which they made in the west. But I shall shew hereafter, that colonies of the same people are to be found in the most extream parts of the east: where we may observe the same rites and ceremonies, and the same traditional histories, as are to be met with in their other settlements. The country called Phenicia could not have sufficed for the effecting all, that is attributed to these mighty adventurers. It is necessary for me to acquaint the Reader, that the wonderful people, to whom I allude, were the

<sup>1</sup> Κατὰ θεῖον δηλονότι χρησμον. Eusebii Chron. P. 10. See also Syncellus.



descendants of Chus; and called Cuthites, and Cuseans. They stood their ground at the general migration of families: but were at last scattered over the face of the earth. They were the first apostates from the truth; yet great in worldly wisdom. They introduced, wherever they came, many useful arts; and were looked up to, as a superiour order of beings: hence they were stiled Heroes, Dæmons, Heliadæ, Macarians. They were joined in their expeditions by other nations; especially by the collateral branches of their family, the Mizraim, Caphtorim, and the sons of Canaan. These were all of the line of Ham, who was held by his posterity in the highest veneration. They called him Amon: and having in process of time raised him to a divinity, they worshiped him as the Sun: and from this worship they were stiled Amonians. This is an appellation, which will continually occur in the course of this work: and I am authorized in the use of it from Plutarch; from whom we may infer, that it was not uncommon among the sons of Ham. He specifies particularly in respect to the Egyptians, that, when any two of that nation met, they used it as a term of honour in their<sup>2</sup> salutations, and called one another Amonians. This therefore will be the title, by which I shall choose to distinguish the people, of whom I treat, when I speak of them collectively: for under this denomination are included all of this family; whether they were Egyptians, or Syrians, of Phenicia, or of Canaan. They were a people, who carefully preserved memorials of their ances-

<sup>2</sup> Αἰγυπτίαις—προς ἀλλήλους τῷ ῥήματι Ἀμὸν χρῆσθαι. Isis et Osiris. P. 355.



tors; and of those great events, which had preceded their dispersion. These were described in hieroglyphics upon pillars and obelisks: and when they arrived at the knowledge of letters, the same accounts were religiously maintained both in their sacred archives, and popular records. It is mentioned of Sanchoniathon, the most ancient of Gentile writers, that he obtained all his knowledge from some writings of the Amonians. *It was the good fortune of Sanchoniathon, says <sup>3</sup> Philo Biblius, to light upon some ancient Amonian records, which had been preserved in the innermost part of a temple, and known to very few. Upon this discovery he applied himself with great diligence to make himself master of the contents: and having, by divesting them of the fable and allegory, with which they were obscured, obtained his purpose, he brought the whole to a conclusion.*

I should be glad to give the Reader a still farther insight into the system, which I am about to pursue. But such is the scope of my inquiries, and the purport of my determinations, as may possibly create in him some prejudice to my design: all which would be obviated, were he to be carried step by step to the general view, and be made partially acquainted, according as the scene opened. What I have to exhibit, is in great measure new: and I shall be obliged to run counter to many received opinions, which length of time, and general assent, have in a manner rendered sacred. What is

<sup>3</sup> Ὁ δὲ συμβαλὼν τοῖς ἀπὸ τῶν ἀδύτων εὐρηθείσιν ἀποκρυφοῖς ΑΜΜΟΥΝΕΩΝ γραμμασι συγκείμενοις, αἳ δὴ ἐκ τῆς πασι γνωρίμα, τὴν μαθήσιν ἀπαντῶν αὐτοῦ ἠσκησέ· καὶ τέλος ἐπιθεὶς τῇ πραγματείᾳ τὸν κατ' ἀρχαῖς μῦθον καὶ τὰς ἀλληγορίας ἐκποδῶν ποιήσας, ἐξήνυστο τὴν προθεσιν. Euseb. Præp. Evang. L. i. c. 9. p. 32.



truly alarming, I shall be found to differ not only from some few historians, as is the case in common controversy ; but in some degree from all : and this in respect to many of the most essential points, upon which historical precision has been thought to depend. My meaning is, that I must set aside many supposed facts, which have never been controverted : and dispute many events, which have not only been admitted as true ; but have been looked up to as certain æras, from whence other events were to be determined. All our knowledge of Gentile history must either come through the hands of the Grecians ; or of the Romans, who copied from them. I shall therefore give a full account of the Helladian Greeks, as well as of the Iönim, or Ionians, in Asia : also of the Dorians, Leleges, and Pelasgi. What may appear very presumptuous, I shall deduce from their own histories many truths, with which they were totally unacquainted ; and give to them an original, which they certainly did not know. They have bequeathed to us noble materials, of which it is time to make a serious use. It was their misfortune not to know the value of the data, which they transmitted, nor the purport of their own intelligence.

It will be one part of my labour to treat of the Phenicians, whose history has been much mistaken : also of the Scythians, whose original has been hitherto a secret. From such an elucidation many good consequences will, I hope, ensue : as the Phenicians, and Scythians have hitherto afforded the usual place of retreat for ignorance to shelter itself. It will therefore be my endeavour to specify and distinguish the various people under these denominations ; of whom



whom writers have so generally, and indiscriminately spoken. I shall say a great deal about the Ethiopians, as their history has never been compleatly given: also of the Indi, and Indo-Scythæ, who seem to have been little regarded. There will be an account exhibited of the Cimmerian, Hyperborean, and Amazonian nations, as well as of the people of Colchis: in which the religion, rites, and original of those nations will be pointed out. I know of no writer, who has written at large of the Cyclopians. Yet their history is of great antiquity, and abounds with matter of consequence. I shall therefore treat of them very fully, and at the same time of the great works, which they performed; and subjoin an account of the Lestrygons, Lamii, Sirens, as there is a close correspondence between them.

As it will be my business to abridge history of every thing superfluous, and foreign; I shall be obliged to set aside many ancient lawgivers, and princes, who were supposed to have formed republics, and to have founded kingdoms. I cannot acquiesce in the stale legends of Deucalion of Thessaly, of Inachus of Argos, and Ægialeus of Sicyon: nor in the long line of princes, who are derived from them. The supposed heroes of the first ages in every country are equally fabulous. No such conquests were ever atchieved, as are ascribed to Osiris, Dionusus, and Sesostris. The histories of Hercules, and Perseus, are equally void of truth. I am convinced, and hope I shall satisfactorily prove, that Cadmus never brought letters to Greece: and that no such person existed



as the Grecians have described. What I have said about Sesostris and Osiris, will be repeated about Ninus, and Semiramis, two personages, as ideal as the former. There never were such expeditions undertaken, nor conquests made, as are attributed to these princes: nor were any such empires constituted, as are supposed to have been established by them. I make as little account of the histories of Saturn, Janus, Pelops, Atlas, Dardanus, Minos of Crete, and Zoroaster of Bactria. Yet something mysterious, and of moment, is concealed under these various characters: and the investigation of this latent truth will be the principal part of my inquiry. In respect to Greece, I can afford credence to very few events, which were antecedent to the Olympiads. I cannot give the least assent to the story of Phryxus, and the golden fleece. It seems to me plain beyond doubt, that there were no such persons as the Grecian Argonauts: and that the expedition of Jason to Colchis was a fable.

After having cleared my way, I shall proceed to the sources, from whence the Grecians drew. I shall give an account of the Titans, and Titanic war, with the history of the Cuthites and ancient Babylonians. This will be accompanied with the Gentile history of the Deluge, the migration of mankind from Shinar, and the dispersion from Babel. The whole will be crowned with an account of ancient Egypt; wherein many circumstances of high consequence in chronology will be stated. In the execution of the whole there will be brought many surprizing proofs in confirmation of the Mosaic account: and it will be found  
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from repeated evidence, that every thing, which the divine historian has transmitted, is most assuredly true. And though the nations, who preserved memorials of the Deluge, have not perhaps stated accurately the time of that event; yet it will be found the grand epocha, to which they referred; the highest point, to which they could ascend. This was esteemed the renewal of the world; the new birth of mankind; and the ultimate of Gentile history. Some traces may perhaps be discernible in their rites and mysteries of the antediluvian system: but those very few, and hardly perceptible. It has been thought, that the Chaldaic, and Egyptian accounts exceed not only the times of the Deluge, but the æra of the world: and Scaliger has accordingly carried the chronology of the latter beyond the term of his artificial \* period. But upon enquiry we shall find the chronology of this people very different from the representations, which have been given. This will be shewn by a plain and precise account, exhibited by the Egyptians themselves: yet overlooked and contradicted by the persons, through whose hands we receive it. Something of the same nature will be attempted in respect to Berofus; as well as to Abydenus, Polyhistor, and Apollodorus, who borrowed from him. Their histories contained matter of great moment: and will afford some wonderful discoveries. From their evidence, and from that, which has preceded, we shall find, that the Deluge was the grand epocha of every ancient kingdom. It is to be observed, that when colonies made anywhere a set-

\* He makes it exceed the æra of the Mosaic creation 1336 years. See Marsham's Canon Chron. P. 1.



element, they ingrafted their antecedent history upon the subsequent events of the place. And as in those days they could carry up the genealogy of their princes to the very source of all ; it will be found, under whatever title he may come, that the first king in every country was Noah. For as he was mentioned first in the genealogy of their princes, he was in aftertimes looked upon as a real monarch ; and represented as a great traveller, a mighty conqueror, and sovereign of the whole earth. This circumstance will appear even in the annals of the Egyptians : and though their chronology has been supposed to have reached beyond that of any nation, yet it coincides very happily with the accounts given by Moses.

In the prosecution of my system I shall not amuse the Reader with doubtful and solitary extracts ; but collect all, that can be obtained upon the subject, and shew the universal scope of writers. I shall endeavour particularly to compare sacred history with profane, and prove the general assent of mankind to the wonderful events recorded. My purpose is not to lay science in ruins ; but instead of desolating to build up, and to rectify what time has impaired : to divest mythology of every foreign and unmeaning ornament ; and to display the truth in its native simplicity : to shew, that all the rites and mysteries of the Gentiles were only so many memorials of their principal ancestors ; and of the great occurrences, to which they had been witnesses. Among these memorials the chief were the ruin of mankind by a flood ; and the renewal of the world in one family. They had symbolical representations, by



which these occurrences were commemorated : and the ancient hymns in their temples were to the same purpose. They all related to the history of the first ages ; and to the same events, which are recorded by Moses.

Before I can arrive at this essential part of my enquiries, I must give an account of the rites and customs of ancient Hellas ; and of those people, which I term Amonians. This I must do in order to shew, from whence they came : and from what quarter their evidence is derived. A great deal will be said of their religion and rites : also of their towers, temples, and Puratheia, where their worship was performed. The mistakes likewise of the Greeks in respect to ancient terms, which they strangely perverted, will be exhibited in many instances : and much true history will be ascertained from a detection of this peculiar misapplication. It is a circumstance of great consequence, to which little attention has been paid. Great light however will accrue from examining this abuse, and observing the particular mode of error : and the only way of obtaining an insight must be by an etymological process, and by recurring to the primitive language of the people, concerning whom we are treating. As the Amonians betook themselves to regions widely separated ; we shall find in every place, where they settled, the same worship and ceremonies, and the same history of their ancestors. There will also appear a great similitude in the names of their cities and temples : so that we may be assured, that the whole was the operation of one and the same people. The learned Bochart saw this ; and taking for granted, that the people were



Phenicians, he attempted to interpret these names by the Hebrew language ; of which he supposed the Phenician to have been a dialect. His design was certainly very ingenious ; and carried on with a wonderful display of learning. He failed however : and of the nature of his failure I shall be obliged to take notice. It appears to me, as far as my reading can afford me light, that most ancient names, not only of places, but of persons, have a manifest analogy. There is likewise a great correspondence to be observed in terms of science ; and in the titles, which were of old bestowed upon magistrates and rulers. The same observation may be extended even to plants, and minerals, as well as to animals ; especially to those, which were esteemed at all sacred. Their names seem to be composed of the same, or similar, elements ; and bear a manifest relation to the religion in use among the Amonians, and to the Deity, which they adored. This Deity was the Sun : and most of the ancient names will be found to be an assemblage of titles, bestowed upon that luminary. Hence there will appear a manifest correspondence between them : which circumstance is quite foreign to the system of Bochart. His etymologies are destitute of this collateral evidence : and have not the least analogy to support them.

In consequence of this I have ventured to give a list of some Amonian terms, which occur in the mythology of Greece ; and in the histories of other nations. Most ancient names seem to have been composed out of these elements : and into the same principles they may be again re-



solved by an easy, and fair evolution. I subjoin to these a short interpretation: and at the same time produce different examples of names, and titles, which are thus compounded. From hence the Reader will see plainly my method of analysis; and the basis of my etymological enquiries.

As my researches are upon subjects very remote, and the histories, to which I appeal, various; and as the truth is in great measure to be obtained by deduction: I have been obliged to bring my authorities immediately under the eye of the Reader. He may from thence be a witness of the propriety of my appeal; and see that my inferences are true. This however will render my quotations very numerous, and may afford some matter of discouragement, as they are principally from the Greek authors. I have however in most places of consequence endeavoured to remedy this inconvenience, either by exhibiting previously the substance of what is quoted; or giving a subsequent translation. Better days may perhaps come; when the Greek language will be in greater repute, and its beauties more admired. As I am principally indebted to the Grecians for intelligence, I have in some respects adhered to their orthography, and have rendered ancient terms, as they were expressed by them. Indeed I do not see, why we should not render all names of Grecian original, as they were exhibited by that people, instead of taking our mode of pronunciation from the Romans. I scarce know any thing, which has been of greater detriment to ancient history, than the capriciousness of writers in never expressing foreign terms, as they were rendered  
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by the natives. I shall be found however to have not acted up uniformly to my principles ; as I have only in some instances copied the Grecian orthography. I have ventured to abide by it merely in some particular terms, where I judged, that etymology would be concerned. For I was afraid, however just this method might appear, and warrantable, that it would seem too novel to be universally put in practice.

My purpose has been throughout to give a new turn to ancient history ; and to place it upon a surer foundation. The mythology of Greece is a vast assemblage of obscure traditions, which have been transmitted from the earliest times. They were described in hieroglyphics, and have been veiled in allegory : and the same history is often renewed under a different system, and arrangement. A great part of this intelligence has been derived to us from the Poets ; by which means it has been rendered still more extravagant, and strange. We find the whole, like a grotesque picture, blazoned high, and glaring with colours, and filled with groups of fantastic imagery, such as we see upon an Indian screen : where the eye is painfully amused ; but whence little can be obtained, which is satisfactory, and of service. We must however make this distinction, that in the allegorical representations of Greece there was always a covert meaning, though it may have escaped our discernment. In short, we must look upon ancient mythology as being yet in a chaotic state : where the mind of man has been wearied with roaming over the crude confistence without ever finding out one spot, where it could repose in safety.

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Hence has arisen the demand,  $\pi\delta\ \varsigma\omega$ , which has been repeated for ages. It is my hope, and my presumption, that such a place of appulse may be found : where we may take our stand ; and from whence we may have a full view of the mighty expanse before us : from whence also we may descry the original design, and order, of all those objects, which by length of time, and their own remoteness, have been rendered so confused and uncertain.



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# R A D I C A L S.

Πειθες δ' εσι κελευθος, αληθειη γαρ οπηδει.

PARMENIDES.

**T**H E materials, of which I purpose to make use in the following enquiries, are comparatively few, and will be contained within a small compass. They are such, as are to be found in the composition of most names, which occur in antient mythology: whether they relate to Deities then revered; or to the places, where their worship was introduced. But they appear no where so plainly, as in the names of those places, which were situated in Babylonia and Egypt. From these parts they were, in process of time, transferred to countries far remote; beyond the Ganges eastward, and to the utmost bounds of the Mediterranean west; wherever the sons of Ham under their various denominations either settled or traded. For I have mentioned that this people were great adventurers; and began an extensive commerce in very early times. They got footing in many parts; where they founded cities,

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which were famous in their day. They likewise erected towers and temples : and upon headlands and promontories they raised pillars for sea-marks to direct them in their perilous expeditions. All these were denominated from circumstances, that had some reference to the religion, which this people professed ; and to the ancestors, whence they sprung. The Deity, which they originally worshiped, was the Sun. But they soon conferred his titles upon some of their ancestors : whence arose a mixed worship. They particularly deified the great Patriarch, who was the head of their line ; and worshiped him as the fountain of light : making the Sun only an emblem of his influence and power. They called him Bal, and Baal : and there were others of their ancestry joined with him, whom they stiled the Baal-im. Chus was one of these : and this idolatry began among his sons. In respect then to the names, which this people, in process of time, conferred either upon the Deities they worshiped, or upon the cities, which they founded ; we shall find them to be generally made up of some original terms for a basis, such as Ham, Cham, and Chus : or else of the titles, with which those personages were, in process of time, honoured. These were Thoth, Men or Menes, Ab, El, Aur, Ait, Ees or Ish, On, Bel, Cohen, Keren, Ad, Adon, Ob, Oph, Apha, Uch, Melech, Anac, Sar, Sama, Samaïm. We must likewise take notice of those common names, by which places are distinguished, such as Kir, Caer, Kiriath, Carta, Air, Col, Cala, Beth, Ai, Ain, Caph, and Cephaz. Lastly are to be inserted the particles Al and Pi ; which were in use among the ancient Egyptians.



Of these terms I shall first treat ; which I look upon as so many elements, whence most names in ancient mythology have been compounded ; and into which they may be easily resolved : and the history, with which they are attended, will, at all times, plainly point out, and warrant the etymology.

H A M or C H A M.

**T**H E first of the terms here specified is Ham ; at different times, and in different places, expressed Cham, Chom, <sup>1</sup> Chamus. Many places were from him denominated Cham Ar, Cham Ur, Chomana, Comara, Camarina. Ham, by the Egyptians, was compounded Am-On, *Αμων* and *Αμμων*. He is to be found under this name among many nations in the east ; which was by the Greeks expressed Amanus, and <sup>2</sup> Omanus. Ham, and Cham are words, which imply heat, and the consequences of heat ; and from them many words in other languages, such as <sup>3</sup> *Καυμα*, Caminus, Camera, were derived. Ham, as a Deity, was esteemed the <sup>4</sup> Sun : and his priests were stiled Chamin, Chaminim, and Chamerim. His name is often found com-

<sup>1</sup> Called also Chumus. Lilius Gyraldus speaks of the Phenician God Chumus. Syntag. 1. p. 7.

<sup>2</sup> Of Amanus, and Omanus, see Strabo. L. 11. p. 779. and L. 15. p. 1066. He calls the temple *Ἱερον Ομανυ*.

<sup>3</sup> Et Solem et calorem *חממה* Chammha vocant (Syri.) Selden de Diis Syris. Syntag. 2. c. 8. p. 247.

<sup>4</sup> The Sun in the Persic language, Hama. Gale's Court of the Gentiles. V. 1. c. 11. p. 72.



pounded with other terms, as in Cham El, Cham Ees, Cam Ait : and was in this manner conferred both on persons and places. From hence Camillus, Camilla, Camella Sacra, Comates, Camifium, <sup>5</sup> Camirus, Chemmis; with numberless other words, are derived. Chamma was the title of the hereditary <sup>6</sup> priests of Diana : and the Puratheia, where the rites of fire were carried on, were called Chamina, and Chaminim, whence came the Caminus of the Latines. They were sacred hearths, on which was preserved a perpetual fire in honour of Cham. The idols of the Sun were called by the same <sup>7</sup> name : for it is said of the good king Josiah, that *they brake down the altars of Baalim in his presence ; and the Chaminim (or images of Cham) that were on high above them, he cut down.* They were also stiled Chamerim, as we learn from the prophet <sup>8</sup> Zephaniah. Ham was esteemed the Zeus of Greece, and Jupiter of Latium. <sup>9</sup> Ἀμμης, ὁ Zeus, Αἰγυπτέλει. <sup>10</sup> Ἀμμην γὰρ Αἰγυπτιοὶ καλεῖσι τὸν Δία.

Plutarch

<sup>5</sup> Camifene, Chamath, Chamané, Chioma, Chom, Cuma, Camæ, Camelis, Cambalidus, Comopolis, Comara, &c. All these are either names of places, where the Amonians settled ; or are terms, which have a reference to their religion and worship.

<sup>6</sup> Plutarch. Amatorius. Vol. 2. p. 768.

<sup>7</sup> 2 Chron. c. 34. v. 4. Ὁρὸν εἰωθασὶ Καμὶν προσαγορεύειν. Plutarch. Isis et Osiris. Vol. 2. p. 374.

<sup>8</sup> *I will cut off the remnant of Baal from this place, and the name of the Chamerim with the priests.* Zephaniah. c. 1. v. 4. From hence we may in some degree infer, who are meant by the Baalim.

<sup>9</sup> Hesychius.

<sup>10</sup> Herodotus. L. 2. c. 42.

Ham



Plutarch says, that of all the Egyptian names, which seemed to have any correspondence with the Zeus of Greece, Amoun or Ammon was the most peculiar, and adequate. He speaks of many people, who were of this opinion:

<sup>11</sup> Ἐτι δὲ τῶν πολλῶν νομιζόντων ἰδίον παρ' Αἰγυπτίοις ὄνομα τὸ Δίος εἶναι τὸν Ἀμῶν, ὃ παραγοντες ἡμεῖς Ἀμμῶνα λεγομεν.

From Egypt his name and worship were brought into Greece; as indeed were the names of almost all the Deities there worshiped.

<sup>12</sup> Σχεδὸν δὲ καὶ πάντα τὰ ὀνόματα τῶν Θεῶν ἐξ Αἰγύπτου ἐληλύθε εἰς τὴν Ἑλλάδα. *Almost all the names of the Gods in Greece were adventitious, having been brought thither from Egypt.*

## C H U S.

Chus was rendered by the Greeks Χυσος, Chufus; but more commonly Χρυσος: and the places denominated from him were changed to Χρυση, Chruse; and to Chrusopolis. His

Ham sub Jovis nomine in Africâ diu cultus. Bochart. Geog. Sac. L. 1. c. 1. p. 5.

Ἀμμῶνα Λιβύης τὸν Δία προσαγορεύουσι, καὶ ἔτι τιμῶσι· καὶ γὰρ καὶ Φαίης ἐν τοῖς Λακεδαιμονικοῖς ἐπιβαλλὼν φησι,

Ζεὺ Λιβύης Ἀμμῶν, κερατηφορε, κέκλυθι Μαντι.

Pindar. Pyth. Ode 4. v. 28. Schol.

<sup>11</sup> Plutarch: Isis et Osiris. Vol. 2. p. 354. Zeus was certainly, as these writers say, a title given to Ham: yet it will be found originally to have belonged to his father; for titles were not uniformly appropriated.

<sup>12</sup> Herodotus. L. 2. c. 49. Speaking afterwards of the people at Dodona, he says, Χρόνῳ πολλῷ διεξελθόντος, ἐπυθόντο ἐκ τῆς Αἰγύπτου ἀπικόμενά τὰ ὀνόματα τὰ τῶν Θεῶν τῶν ἄλλων, Διονύσῃ δὲ ὕστερον πολλὰ ἐπυθόντο. c. 52. *It was a long time before they had names for any of the Gods; and very late before they were acquainted with Dionysus; which Deity, as well as all the others, they received from Egypt.* See also l. 2. c. 59.

name:



name was often compounded <sup>13</sup> Chus-Or, rendered by the Greeks *Χερωρ*, Chrusor, and Chrusaor; which among the Poets became a favourite epithet, continually bestowed upon Apollo. Hence there were temples dedicated to him, called Chrusaoria. Chus, in the Babylonish dialect, seems to have been called Cuth; and many places, where his posterity settled, were stiled <sup>14</sup> Cutha, Cuthaia, Cutaia, Ceuta, Cotha, and compounded <sup>15</sup> Cothon. He was sometimes expressed Casus, Cessus, Casius; and was still farther diversified.

Chus was the father of all those nations, stiled <sup>16</sup> Ethiopians, who were more truly called Cuthites and Cuscans. They were more in number, and far more widely extended, than has been imagined. The history of this family will be the principal part of my inquiry.

#### C A N A A N.

Canaan seems, by the Egyptians and Syrians, to have been pronounced Cnaan: which was by the Greeks rendered Cnas, and Cna. Thus we are told by Stephanus Byzantinus, that the antient name of Phenicia was Cna. *Χνα, ἕτως*

<sup>13</sup> Sanchoniathon apud Eusebium prodit *Ægyptiorum Κρηφ* esse Phœnicum *Αγαθοδαιμονα*, vel secundum Mochum, *Χερωρα*. See notes to Iamblichus by Gale. P. 301.

<sup>14</sup> Chusistan, to the east of the Tigris, was the land of Chus: it was likewise called Cutha, and Cissia, by different writers.

A river and region stiled Cutha, mentioned by Josephus, Ant. Jud. L. 9. c. 14. u. 3. the same which by others has been called Cushman, and Chusistan.

<sup>15</sup> The harbour at Carthage was named Cothon. Strabo. L. 17. p. 1189. Also an Island in that harbour. Diodorus Sic. L. 3. p. 168.

<sup>16</sup> *Χουσαν* μεν ουδεν εβλαψεν ο κρονος. *Αιθιοπες* γαρ, ων ηρξεν, ετι και νυν υπο εαυτων τε και των εν τη *Ασια* παντων, *ΧΟΥΣΑΙΟΙ* καλουνται. Josephus. Ant. Jud. L. 1. c. 6. §. 2.



ἡ Φοινίκη ἐκαλεῖτο. το ἐθνικον Χναιοζ. The same is said by Philo Biblius from Sanchoniathon. <sup>17</sup> Χνα τῶ πρώτῳ μετονομασθέντος Φοινίκος. And in another place he says, that Ifiris, the same as Ofiris, was the brother to Cna. <sup>18</sup> Ἰσιρις—ἀδελφος Χνα : the purport of which is conformable to the account in the scriptures, that the Egyptians were of a collateral line with the people of Canaan ; or that the father of the Mizräim and the Canaanites were brothers.

M I Z R A I M.

This person is looked upon as the father of the Egyptians ; on which account one might expect to meet with many memorials concerning him : but his history is so veiled under allegory and titles, that no great light can be obtained. It is thought by many learned men, that the term, Mizräim, is properly a plural ; and that a people are by it signified rather than a person. This people were the Egyptians : and the head of their family is imagined to have been in the singular Misor, or Metzor. It is certain that Egypt by Stephanus Byzantinus is amongst other names stiled Μυαβα, which undoubtedly is a mistake for Μυσαβα, the land of Musar or Myfar. It is by <sup>19</sup> Eusebius and Suidas called Mestraia, by

<sup>17</sup> Euseb. Præp. Evang. L. i. c. 10. p. 39.

<sup>18</sup> Sanchoniathon apud eundem. Ibid.

See Michaelis Geographia Hebræor. Extera. P. 2.

<sup>19</sup> Ὁ πρῶτος οἰκησας τὴν Μεστραιαν χώραν, ἦτοι Αἰγυπτὸν, Μεστραιμ, ἐβασίλευσεν ἐν αὐτῇ τῇ Μεστραιᾷ. Euseb. Chron. P. 17.

Μεστραιμ of the LXX.

Josephus calls the country of Egypt Mestra. Τὴν γὰρ Αἰγυπτὸν Μεστρην, καὶ Μεστραιμ τῆς Αἰγυπτίας ἀπαντας, οἱ ταύτην οἰκοντες, καλεῖται. Ant. Jud. L. i. c. 6. §. 2.

which



which is meant the land of Metzor, a different rendering of Myfor. Sanchoniathon alludes to this person under the name of <sup>20</sup> Μίσωρ, Misor; and joins him with Sydic: both which he makes the sons of the Shepherds Amunus, and Magus. Amunus, I make no doubt, is Amun, or Ham, the real father of Misor, from whom the Mizräim are supposed to be descended. By Magus probably is meant Chus, the father of those worshipers of fire, the Magi: the father also of the genuine Scythæ, who were stiled Magog. The Canaanites likewise were his offspring: and among these none were more distinguished, than those of Said, or Sidon; which I imagine is alluded to under the name of Sydic. It must be confessed, that the author derives it from Sydic, justice: and to say the truth, he has, out of ancient terms, mixed so many feigned personages with those that are real, that it is not possible to arrive at the truth.

### N I M R O D.

It is said of this person by Moses, that he was the son of Cush. <sup>21</sup> *And Cush begat Nimrod: he began to be a mighty one in the earth: he was a mighty hunter before the Lord: wherefore it is said, even as Nimrod, the mighty hunter before the Lord. And the beginning of this kingdom was Babel.*

<sup>20</sup> Apud Euseb. Præp. Evan. L. 1. c. 10. p. 36.

Hierapolis of Syria was called Magog, or rather the city of Magog. It was also called Bambyce. Cœle (Syria) habet—Bambycen, quæ alio nomine Hierapolis vocatur, Syris vero Magog. Plin. Hist. Nat. L. 5. §. 19. p. 266.

<sup>21</sup> Genesis. c. 10. v. 8, 9. Hence called Νεβρωδ ὁ κυνῆγιος, καὶ ἰσχυρὸς, Αἰθίοψ:

Chronicon Paschale. P. 28.



His history is plainly alluded to under the character of Alorus, the first king of <sup>22</sup> Chaldea ; but more frequently under the title of Orion. This personage is represented by Homer as of a gigantic make ; and as being continually in pursuit of wild <sup>23</sup> beasts. The Cuthite Colonies, which went westward, carried with them memorials of this their ancestor ; and named many places from him : and in all such places there will be found some peculiar circumstances, which will point out the great Hunter, alluded to in their name. The Grecians generally stiled him <sup>24</sup> Νεβρωδ, Nebrod : hence places called by his name are expressed Nebrod, Nebrodes, Nebriffa. In Sicily was a mountain Nebrodes, called by Strabo in the plural <sup>25</sup> τα Νεβρωδη ορη. It was a famous place for hunting ; and for that reason had been dedicated to Nimrod. The poet Gratius takes notice of its being stocked with wild beasts :

<sup>26</sup> Cantatus Graiis Acragas, victæque fragosum  
Nebrodem liquere feræ.

And Solinus speaks to the same purpose : <sup>27</sup> Nebrodem damæ

<sup>22</sup> Πρωτον γενεσθαι Βασιλεα Αλωρον εν Βαβυλωνι Χαλδαιον. Euseb. Chron. p. 5. ex Apollodoro. The same from Abydenus. Euseb. Chron. P. 6.

Εν τοις αστροις τε θραν εταξαν (τον Νεβρωδ), και καλουν Ωριωνα. Cedrenus. P. 14.

Εγεννηθη δε και αλλος εκ της φυλης τε Σημ (Χαμ), Χους ονοματι, ο Αιθιοψ, οστις εγεννησε τον Νεβρωδ, Γιγαντα, τον την Βαβυλωνιαν κτισαντα, ον λεγουσιν οι Περσαι αποθεωθεντα, και γενομενον εν τοις αστροις τε θραν, οντινα καλουν Ωριωνα. Chronicon Paschale. P. 36.

<sup>23</sup> Homer. Odyss. L. Δ. v. 571.

<sup>24</sup> Chronicon. Pasch. P. 36.

<sup>25</sup> Strabo. L. 6. p. 421.

<sup>26</sup> Gratii Cyneget. V. 527.

<sup>27</sup> Solinus de Situ Orbis: c. 11.



et hinnuli pervagantur. At the foot of the mountain were the warm baths of Himera.

The term Νεβρος, Nebros, which was substituted by the Greeks for Nimrod, signifying a fawn, gave occasion to many allusions about a fawn, and fawn-skin, in the Dionusiaca, and other mysteries. There was a town Nebrissa, near the mouth of the Bætis in Spain, called by Pliny Veneria ;  
<sup>28</sup> Inter æstuaria Bætis oppidum Nebrissa, cognomine Veneria. This, I should think, was a mistake for Venaria ; for there were places of that name. Here were preserved the same rites and memorials, as are mentioned above ; wherein was no allusion to Venus, but to Nimrod and Bacchus. The island, and its rites, are mentioned by Silius Italicus.

<sup>29</sup> Ac Nebrissa Dionusæis conscia thyrsis,

Quam Satyri coluere leves, redimitaque sacrâ  
 Nebride.

The Priests at the Bacchanalia, as well as the Votaries, were habited in this manner.

<sup>30</sup> Inter matres impia Mænas

Comes Ogygio venit Iaccho,

Nebride sacrâ præcincta latus.

Statius describes them in the same habit.

<sup>31</sup> Hic chelyn, hic flavam maculoso Nebrida tergo,

Hic thyrsos, hic plectra ferit.

The

<sup>28</sup> Plin. Nat. Hist. L. 3. c. 11.

<sup>29</sup> Silius Italicus. L. 3. v. 393.

<sup>30</sup> Seneca. Œdipus. Act 2. v. 436.

<sup>31</sup> Sylvæ. L. 1. carm. 2. v. 226.

Dionysius of the Indian Camaritæ :

Ζωματα, και Νεβριδας επι τῆθεσι βαλοντες,

Ευοι Βακχε λεγοντες. V. 703.



The history of Nimrod was in great measure lost in the superior reverence shewn to Chus, or Bacchus : yet there is reason to think, that divine honours were of old paid to him. The Family of the Nebridæ at <sup>32</sup> Athens, and another of the same name at Cos, were, as we may infer from their history, the posterity of people, who had been priests to Nimrod. He seems to have been worshiped in Sicily under the names of Elorus, Pelorus, and Orion. He was likewise stiled <sup>33</sup> Belus : but as this was merely a title, and conferred upon other persons, it renders his history very difficult to be distinguished.

### TITLES of the DEITY.

Theuth, Thoth, Taut, Taautes, are the same title diversified ; and belong to the chief god of Egypt. Eusebius speaks of him as the same as Hermes. <sup>34</sup> *Ὁν Αἰγυπτιοὶ μὲν ἐκαλεσαν Θωυθ, Ἀλεξανδρεῖς δὲ Θωθ, Ἑρμῆν δὲ Ἕλληνες μετεφράσαν.* From Theuth the Greeks formed ΘΕΟΣ ; which, with that nation, was the most general name of the Deity. Plato in his treatise, named Philebus, mentions him by the

At the rites of Osiris, *Καὶ γὰρ νεβριδάς περικαθαπτονται (οἱ Αἰγυπτιοὶ) καὶ θυρσὺς φορεῖσι κτλ.* Plutarch. Isis et Osir. P. 364.

<sup>32</sup> Arnobius. L. 5. p. 185. edit. 1661. Ceres fessa, oras ut venit Atticas—Nebridarum familiam pelliculâ cohonestavit hinnulæ.

<sup>33</sup> Nimrod built Babylon ; which is said to have been the work of Belus. *Εὐλῶν—εἰρηται δ' ὑπὸ Βηλ.* Etymologicum Magnum.

Arcem (Babylonis) Rex antiquissimus condidit Belus. Ammian. Marcellinus. L. 23.

Here was a temple, stiled the temple of Belus.

<sup>34</sup> Eusebius. Præp. Evang. L. 1. c. 9. p. 32. L. 1. c. 10. p. 36. p. 40.



name of <sup>35</sup> Θεῦθ. He was looked upon as a great benefactor, and the first cultivator of the Vine.

<sup>36</sup> Πρῶτος Θεῦθ ἔδαν δρεπανην ἐπὶ βοτρυν ἀγείρειν.

He was also supposed to have found out letters: which invention is likewise attributed to Hermes. <sup>37</sup> Ἀπο Μισώρ Ταχυτος, ὅς ἐυρε την των πρῶτων σοιχειων γραφην. — Ἕλλη- νες δε Ἑρμην ἐκαλεσαν. Suidas calls him Theus; and says, that he was the same as Arez, stiled by the Arabians Theus Arez, and so worshiped at Petra. Θευσαρης, τστ' ἐστὶ Θεος Αρης, ἐν Πेत्रα της Αραβιας. Instead of a statue there was λίθος μελας, τετραγωνος, ατυπωτος, a black, square pillar of stone, without any figure, or representation. It was the same Deity, which the Germans and Celtæ worshiped under the name of Theut-Ait, or Theutates; whose sacrifices were very cruel, as we learn from Lucan.

<sup>38</sup> Et quibus immitis placatur sanguine diro:  
Theutates.

## A B.

Ab signifies a father, similar to אב of the Hebrews. It is often found in composition, as in Ab-El, Ab-On, Ab-Or.

<sup>35</sup> See also the Phædrus of Plato: Ηκιστα τοιουν περι Ναυκρατιν της Αιγυπτου κτλ.

<sup>36</sup> Anthologia. L. 1. 91. L. 1. 29.

<sup>37</sup> Eusebius. Præp. Evang. L. 1. c. 10. p. 36. from Sanchoniathon.

<sup>38</sup> Lucan. L. 1. v. 444.



## A U R, O U R, O R.

Aur, sometimes expressed Or, Ur, and Our, signifies both light and fire. Hence came the Orus of the Egyptians, a title given to the Sun. <sup>39</sup> Quod solem vertimus, id in Hebræo est אור, Ur; quod lucem, et ignem, etiam et Solem denotat. It is often compounded with the term above, and rendered Abor, Aborus, Aborras: and it is otherwise diversified. This title was often given to Chus by his descendants; whom they stiled Chuforus. From Aur, taken as an element, came Uro, Ardeo; as a Deity, oro, hora, ὥρα, Ἰερον, Ἰερευσ; Zeus was stiled Cham-Ur, rendered Κωμυρος by the Greeks; and under this title was worshiped at Halicarnassus. He is so called by Lycophron. <sup>40</sup> Ημος καταιθων θυσθλα Κωμυρω Λεων. Upon which the Scholiast observes; (Κωμυρος) ὁ Ζευς εν Ἀλικαρνασῶ τιμαται.

## E L.

El, Al, Ηλ, sometimes expressed Eli, was the name of the true God; but by the Zabians was transferred to the Sun: whence the Greeks borrowed their Ἥλιος, and Ἡελιος. El, and Elion, were titles, by which the people of Canaan dis-

<sup>39</sup> Selden de Diis-Syris: Prolegomena. c. 3.

<sup>40</sup> Lycophron. V. 459. Scholia ibidem.

It is also compounded with Cham, as in Orchamus, a common Babylonish appellation.

Rexit Achæmenias urbes pater Orchamus;isque

Septimus a prisca numeratur origine Beli.

Ovid. Metamorph. L. 4. v. 212:

tinguished:



tinguished their chief Deity. <sup>41</sup> Γίνεται τις Ελιουν, καλεσμενος ὑψιστος. This they sometimes still farther compounded, and made Abelion: hence inscriptions are to be found <sup>42</sup> D E O A B E L L I O N I. El according to Damascius was a title given to Cronus. <sup>43</sup> Φοινικες και Συροι τον Κρονον Ηλ, και Βηλ, και Βολαθην επονομαζουσι. *The Phenicians and Syrians name Cronus Eel, and Beel, and Bolathes.* The Canaanitish term Elion is a compound of Eli On, both titles of the Sun: hence the former is often joined with Aur, and Orus. <sup>44</sup> Elorus, and Alorus, were names both of persons and places. It is sometimes combined with Cham: whence we have Camillus, and Camulus: under which name the Deity of the Gentile world was in many places worshiped. Camulus and Camillus were in a manner antiquated among the Romans; but their worship was kept up in other countries. We find in Gruter an inscription <sup>45</sup> D E O C A M U L O: and another, C A M U L O. S A N C T O. F O R T I S S I M O. They were both the same Deity, a little diversified; who was worshiped by the Hetrurians, and esteemed the same as Hermes. <sup>46</sup> Tusci Camillum appellant Mercurium. And not only

<sup>41</sup> Eusebii Præp. Evang. L. 1. c. 10. p. 36.

<sup>42</sup> Gruter. V. 1. 37. n. 4, 5, 6.

<sup>43</sup> Damascius apud Photium. C. 242:

<sup>44</sup> Αλωρος, Alorus, the first king who reigned. Syncellus. P. 18.

Ἑλῖα, Halia, was a festival at Rhodes in honour of the Sun, to whom that Island was sacred. Ῥοδῖοι τὰ Ἑλῖα τιμωσιν. Athenæus. L. 13. p. 561. The first inhabitants were stiled Heliadæ. Diodorus Sic. L. 5. p. 327. And they called the chief temple of the Deity Ἑλῖον, Halion. Eustath. ad Hom. Odyss. 2. They came after a deluge, led by Ochimus, Macar, and others.

<sup>45</sup> Gruter. Inscript. xl. 9. and lvi. 11.

<sup>46</sup> Macrobian Saturn. L. 3. c. 8.



the Deity, but the minister and attendant had the same name: for the priests of old were almost universally denominated from the God, whom they served, or from his temple. The name appears to have been once very general.  
<sup>47</sup> *Rerum omnium sacrarum administri Camilli dicebantur.* But Plutarch seems to confine the term to one particular office and person. <sup>48</sup> *Τον ὑπηρετῶντα τῷ Ἰερωτὲ Διὸς ἀμφιθαλὴ παιδὰ λεγεσθαι Καμιλλόν, ὡς καὶ τὸν Ἑρμῆν· ἔτι τῶς ἐνίοι τῶν Ἑλλήνων Καμιλλόν ἀπο τῆς διακονίας προσηγορεύον.* He supposes the name to have been given to Hermes on account of the service, and duty enjoined him. But there is nothing of this nature to be inferred from the terms. The Hermes of Egypt had nothing similar to his correspondent in Greece. Camillus was the name of the chief God, Cham-El, the same as Elion, ὁ ὑψιστος. He was sometimes expressed Casmillus; but still referred to Hermes. <sup>49</sup> *Κασμιλλὸς ὁ Ἑρμῆς ἐστίν, ὡς ἰσορεῖ Διονυσιοδώρος.* The Deity El was particularly invoked by the eastern nations, when they made an attack in battle: at such time they used to cry out, El-El, and Al-Al. This Mahomet could not well bring his proselytes to leave off: and therefore changed it to Allah; which the Turks at this day make use of, when they shout in joining battle. It was however an idolatrous invocation, originally.

<sup>47</sup> Pomponius Lætus.

Camilla was in like manner attendant on the Gods.

*Cælitum Camilla expectata advenis.* Ennius in Medo, ex Varrone de Ling. Lat. P. 71. Edit. Dordrecht. 1619.

<sup>48</sup> Juba apud Plutarchum in Numa. Vol. 1. p. 64.

<sup>49</sup> Scholia in Apollon. Rhodium. L. 1. v. 917. So Camœna was rendered Casmoœna.



## R A D I C A L S.

made to the God of war ; and not unknown to the Greeks. Plutarch speaks of it as no uncommon exclamation ; but makes the Deity feminine.

49 Κλυθ' ΑΛΑΛΑ, πολεμυ θυγατερ.

Hence we have in Hesychius the following interpretations ; αλαλαζει, επινικιως ηχει. Αλαλαγμος, επινικιος υμνος. Ελελεν, επιφωνημα πολεμικον. It is probably the same as *Ἥη* in Isaiah, <sup>50</sup> *How art thou fallen, Halal, thou son of Sebor.*

## O N and E O N.

On, Eon, or Aon, was another title of the Sun among the Amonians : and so we find it explained by Cyril upon Hosea : Ων δε εστιν ο 'Ηλιος : and speaking of the Egyptians in the same comment, he says, Ων δε εστι παρ' αυτοις ο 'Ηλιος. The Seventy likewise, where the word occurs in Scripture, interpret it the Sun ; and call the city of On, Heliopolis. <sup>51</sup> Και εδωκεν αυτω την Ασeneθ θυγατερα Πετεφρη 'Ιερεως 'Ηλιοπολεως. Theophilus, from Manetho, speaks of it in the same manner : <sup>52</sup> Ων, ητις εστιν 'Ηλιοπολις. And the Coptic Pentateuch renders the city On by the city of the Sun. Hence it was, that Ham, who was worshiped as the Sun,

<sup>49</sup> De Amore Fraternali. P. 483.

<sup>50</sup> Isaiah. C. 14. v. 12.

<sup>51</sup> Genesis. C. 41. v. 45. and Exodus. C. 1. v. 11.

<sup>52</sup> Theophilus ad Autolyicum. L. 3. p. 392. Jablonsky. L. 2. c. 1. p. 138.



got the name of Amon, and Ammon ; and was stiled Baal-Hamon. It is said of Solomon, that he *had a vineyard at*<sup>53</sup> *Baal-Hamon* ; a name probably given to the place by his Egyptian wife, the daughter of Pharaoh. The term El was combined in the same manner ; and many places sacred to the Sun were stiled El-on, as well as El-our. It was sometimes rendered Eleon ; from whence came ἥλιος, and ἥλιον. The Syrians, Cretans, and Canaanites went farther, and made a combination of the terms Ab-El-Eon, Pater Summus Sol, or Pater Deus Sol ; hence they formed Abelion, and Abelion before mentioned. Hesychius interprets Αβελιον, Ἑλιον Αβελιον, Ἑλιακον.

Vossius thinks, and with good reason, that the Apollo of Greece, and Rome, was the same as the Abelion of the East.<sup>54</sup> Fortasse Apollo ex Cretico Αβελιος nam veteres Romani pro Apollo dixere Apello : ut pro homo, hemo ; pro bonus, benus ; ac familia. The Sun was also worshiped under the

<sup>53</sup> Canticles. c. 8. v. 11.

Mention is made of Amon, Jeremiah. c. 46. v. 25. Nahum. c. 3. v. 8.

It was sometimes compounded ; and the Deity worshiped under the titles of Or-On : and there were temples of this denomination in Canaan.

Solomon fortified Beth-Oron the upper, and Beth-Oron the nether. 2 Chron. c. 8. v. 5.

As Ham was stiled Hamon, so was his son Chus, or Cuth, named Cuthon and Cothon ; as we may judge from places, which were denominated undoubtedly from him. At Adrumetum was an island at the entrance of the harbour so called : Hirtius. Afric. P. 798. Another at Carthage, probably so named from a tower or temple. Ὑποκείται δὲ τῇ ἀκροπόλει οἱ τε λιμενες, καὶ ὁ ΚΩΘΩΝ.

Strabo. L. 17. p. 1189.

<sup>54</sup> Voss. de Idol. Vol. 1. l. 2. c. 17. p. 391.



title Abaddon ; which, as we are informed by the Evangelist, was the same as Apollo ; or, as he terms him, Απολλων :  
 55 Ονομα αυτω Έβραϊσι Αβαδδων, και εν τη Έλληνικη Απολλων.

## A I T.

Another title of Ham or the Sun was Ait, and Aith : a term, of which little notice has been taken ; yet of great consequence in respect to etymology. It occurs continually in Egyptian names of places, as well as in the composition of those, which belong to Deities, and men. It relates to fire, light, and heat ; and to the consequences of heat. We may in some degree learn its various, and opposite significations when compounded, from antient words in the Greek language, which were derived from it. Several of these are enumerated in Hesychius. Αιθαι, μελαιναι. Αιθειν, καειν. Αιθαλοεν (a compound of Aith El), κεκαυμενον. Αιθινος, καπνος. Αιθον, λαμπρον. Αιθωνα (of the same etymology, from Aith-On) μελανα, πυρωδη. 56 Αιθος, καυμα. The Egyptians, when they consecrated any thing to their Deity, or made it a symbol of any supposed attribute, called it by the name of that attribute, or 57 emanation : and as there was scarce any

55 Apocalyps. c. 9. v. 11.

56 The Sun's disk stiled Αιθος :

Έππευων. ελικηδον ολον πολον ΑΙΘΟΠΙ ΔΙΣΚΩ. Nonnus. L. 40. v. 371.  
 Αιθιοπαιδα Διονυσον. Ανακρεων. αλλοι τον οινον. αλλοι την Αρτεμιν. Hesychius. Altered to Αιθωπα παιδα by Albertus.

57 The Egyptian Theology abounded with personages formed from these emanations, who according to Psellus were called Eons, Ζωες, Αζωες. See Iamblichus, and Psellus, and Damascius.



thing, but what was held sacred by them, and in this manner appropriated; it necessarily happened, that several objects had often the same reference, and were denominated alike. For not only men took to themselves the sacred titles; but birds, beasts, fishes, reptiles, together with trees, plants, stones, drugs, and minerals, were supposed to be under some particular influence; and from thence received their names. And if they were not quite alike, they were however made up of elements very similar. Ham, as the Sun, was stiled <sup>58</sup> Ait; and Egypt, the land of Ham, had in consequence of it the name of Ait, rendered by the Greeks *Αετία: Εκληθην (ἡ Αἰγυπτος) καὶ Αερία, καὶ Ποταμία, καὶ Αἰθιοπία, καὶ* <sup>59</sup> AETIA. One of the most antient names of the Nile was Ait, or *Αετος*. It was also a name given to the Eagle, as the bird particularly sacred to the Sun: and Homer alludes to the original meaning of the word, when he terms the Eagle <sup>60</sup> *Αἰετος αἰθων*. Among the parts of the human body it was appropriated to the <sup>61</sup> heart: for the heart in the body may be esteemed what the Sun is in his system, the source of heat and life, affording the same animating principle. This word having these two senses was the reason why the Egyptians made a heart over a vase of burning incense an emblem of their country. <sup>62</sup> *Αἰγυπτον δὲ γραφόντες θυμιατηρίου καίονμε-*

<sup>58</sup> Stephanus Byzant.

<sup>59</sup> Scholia on Dionysius. V. 239. What it alluded to, may be seen from other authors.

<sup>60</sup> Homer. Iliad. O. V. 690. *Ὁ ενθερμὸς, καὶ πυρῶδης*. Hesychius.

<sup>61</sup> *Ἡθ καρδία*. Etymolog. Magnum ex Orione, in Athribis.

They express it after the manner of the Ionians, who always deviated from the original term. The Dorians would have called it with more propriety Ath.

<sup>62</sup> Horus Apollo. L. 1. c. 22. p. 38.



νον ζωγραφοσι, και επανω ΚΑΡΔΙΑΝ. This term occurs continually in composition. Athyr, one of the Egyptian months, was formed of Ath-Ur. It was also one of the names of that place, where the shepherds resided in Egypt; and to which the Israelites succeeded. It stood at the upper point of Delta, and was particularly sacred to  $\text{𓂏𓄣}$  Ur, or Orus: and thence called Athur-ai, or the place of Athur. At the departure of the shepherds it was ruined by King Amosis.

<sup>63</sup> Κατεσκαψε δε την Αθυριαν Αμωσις.

As Egypt was named Aith, and Ait; so other countries, in which colonies from thence settled, were stiled Ethia and Athia. The sons of Chus founded a colony in Colchis; and we find a king of that country named Ait; or, as the Greeks expressed it, *Αιητης*: and the land was also distinguished by that characteristic. Hence Arete in the Orphic Argonautics, speaking of Medea's returning to Colchis, expresses this place by the terms *ηθεα Κολχων*:

<sup>64</sup> Οιχεδω πατρος τε δομον, και ες ηθεα Κολχων.

It is sometimes compounded Ath-El, and Ath-Ain; from whence the Greeks formed <sup>65</sup> *Αθηλα*, and *Αθηνα*, titles, by which they distinguished the Goddess of wisdom. It was

<sup>63</sup> Clemens Alexandrinus from Ptolemy Mendesium. Strom. L. 1. p. 378.

It was called also Abur, or Abaris, as well as Athur. In after times it was rebuilt; and by Herodotus it is stiled Cercasora. By Athuria is to be understood both the city, and the district; which was part of the great Nome of Heliopolis.

<sup>64</sup> Orphic. Argonaut. V. 1323.

<sup>65</sup> Athenagoræ Legatio. P. 293.

Proserpine (*Κορα*) was also called Athela. Ibid.



looked upon as a term of high honour, and endearment. Venus in Apollonius calls Juno, and Minerva, by way of respect, *Ηθειαί* :

<sup>66</sup> *Ηθειαί, τις δευρο νοος, χρειω τε, κομιζει;*  
Menelaus says to his brother Agamemnon, <sup>67</sup> *Τιφθ' ἔτως, Ηθειε, κορυσσεαι;* And <sup>68</sup> *Τιπτε μοι, Ηθειη κεφαλη, δευρ' ειληλθας,* are the words of Achilles to the shade of his lost Patroclus. *Ηθειος* in the original acceptation, as a title, signified Solaris, Divinus, Splendidus : but in a secondary sense it denoted any thing holy, good, and praise-worthy. <sup>69</sup> *Αλλα μιν Ηθειον καλεω και νοσφιν εοντα,* says Eumæus of his long absent, and much honoured master. *I will call him good, and noble, whether he be dead or alive.* From this antient term were derived the *ηθος* and *ηθικα* of the Greeks.

I have mentioned, that it is often found compounded, as in Athyr : and that it was a name conferred on places, where the Amonians settled. Some of this family came in early times to Rhodes, and Lemnos : of which migrations I shall hereafter treat. Hence one of the most antient names of <sup>70</sup> Rhodes was Aithraia, or the Island of Athyr ; so called from the worship of the Sun : and Lemnos was denominated Aithalia, for the same reason from Aith-El. It was particularly devoted to the God of fire ; and is hence styled Vulcania by the Poet :

<sup>66</sup> Apollonius Rhodius. L. 3. v. 52.

<sup>67</sup> Homer. Iliad. K. v. 37.

<sup>68</sup> Homer. Iliad. Ψ. v. 94.

<sup>69</sup> Homer. Odyss. Ε. v. 147.

Ath-El among many nations a title of great honour.

<sup>70</sup> Plin. Nat. Hist. L. 5. c. 31.



<sup>71</sup> Summis Vulcania surgit

Lemnos aquis.

Ethiopia itself was named both <sup>72</sup> Aitheria, and Aeria, from Aur, and Athyr: and Lesbos, which had received a colony of Cuthites, was reciprocally stiled <sup>73</sup> Æthiope. The people of Canaan and Syria paid a great reverence to the memory of Ham: hence we read of many places in those parts named Hamath, Amathus, Amathusia. One of the sons of Canaan seems to have been thus called: for it is said, that Canaan was the father of the <sup>74</sup> Hamathite. A city of this name stood to the east of mount Libanus; whose natives were the Hamathites alluded to here. There was another Hamath in Cyprus, by the Greeks expressed *Αμαθος*, of the same original as the former. We read of Eth-Baal, a king of <sup>75</sup> Sidon, who was the father of Jezebel; and of <sup>76</sup> Athaliah, who was her daughter. For Ath was an oriental term, which came from Babylonia and Chaldea to Egypt; and from thence to Syria and Canaan. Ovid, though his whole poem be a fable, yet copies the modes of those countries, of which he treats. On this account, speaking of an Ethiopian, he introduces him by the name of Eth-Amon, but softened by him to Ethemon.

<sup>71</sup> Valerius Flaccus. L. 2. v. 78. The chief city was Hephæstia.

<sup>72</sup> Univerſa vero gens (Æthiopum) Ætheria appellata eſt. Plin. L. 6. c. 30.

<sup>73</sup> Plin. L. 5. c. 31.

<sup>74</sup> Genesis. c. 10. v. 18. c. 11. v. 2.

<sup>75</sup> 1 Kings. c. 16. v. 31.

<sup>76</sup> 2 Kings. c. 11. v. 1.



<sup>77</sup> Instabant parte finistrâ

Chaonius Molpeus, dextrâ Nabathæus Ethemon.

Ath was sometimes joined to the ancient title Herm ; which the Grecians with a termination made *Ἑρμης*. From Ath-Herm, came *Θερμαι*, *Θερμος*, *Θερμαινω*. These terms were sometimes reversed, and rendered Herm-athena.

## A D

Ad is a title, which occurs very often in composition, as in Ad-Or, Ad-On ; from whence was formed Adorus, Adon, and Adonis. It is sometimes found compounded with itself : and was thus made use of for a supreme title, with which both Deities and kings were honoured. We read of Hadad king of <sup>78</sup> Edom : and there was another of the same name at Damascus, whose son and successor was stiled <sup>79</sup> Benhadad. According to Nicolaus Damascenus, the kings of Syria for nine generations had the name of <sup>80</sup> Adad. There was a prince Hadadezer, son of Rehob king of <sup>81</sup> Zobah : and Hadoram, son of the king of <sup>82</sup> Hamath. The God Rimmon was stiled Adad : and mention is made by the Prophet of the

<sup>77</sup> Ovid Metamorph. L. 5. v. 162.

So in Virgil. Comites Sarpedonis ambo,

Et clarus Ethemon Lyciâ comitantur ab altâ.

Or, Clarus et Ethemon. Æneis. L. 10. v. 126.

<sup>78</sup> 1 Kings. c. 11. v. 14. Adad the fourth king of Edom. Gen. c. 36. v. 35.

<sup>79</sup> 1 Kings. c. 20. v. 1.

<sup>80</sup> Nicolaus Damasc. apud Josephum Antiq. L. 7. c. 5.

<sup>81</sup> 2 Samuel. c. 8. v. 3.

<sup>82</sup> 1 Chron. c. 18. v. 10.

mourning.



mourning of Adad Rimmon in the valley of <sup>83</sup> Megiddo. The feminine of it was Ada : of which title mention is made by Plutarch in speaking of a <sup>84</sup> queen of Caria. It was a sacred title, and appropriated by the Babylonians to their chief <sup>85</sup> Goddes. Among all the eastern nations Ad was a peculiar title, and was originally conferred upon the Sun : and if we may credit Macrobius, it signified *One*, and was so interpreted by the Assyrians : <sup>86</sup> Deo, quem summum maximumque venerantur, Adad nomen dederunt. Ejus nominis interpretatio significat unus. Hunc ergo ut potissimum adorant Deum.—Simulacrum Adad insigne cernitur radiis inclinatis. I suspect, that Macrobius in his representation has mistaken the cardinal number for the ordinal ; and that what he renders *one*, should be *first* or *chief*. We find that it was a sacred title ; and when single, it was conferred upon a Babylonish Deity : but when repeated, it must denote greater excellence : for the Amonians generally formed their superlative by doubling the positive : thus Rab was great ; Rabrab signified very great. It is indeed plain from the account, that it must have been a superlative ; for he says it was designed to represent what was esteemed summum maximumque, the most eminent and great. I should therefore think, that Adad in its primitive sense

<sup>83</sup> Zechariah. c. 12. v. 11.

There was a town of this name in Israel. Some suppose that the Prophet alluded to the death of Josiah, who was slain at Megiddo.

<sup>84</sup> Plutarch. Apothegmata. P. 180. One of the wives of Esau was of Canaan, and named Adah, the daughter of Elon the Hittite. Gen. c. 36. v. 2.

<sup>85</sup> Ἀδα, ἡδονή καὶ ὑπὸ Βαβυλωνίων ἡ Ἡρα. Hesychius.

<sup>86</sup> Macrobi Saturnalia. L. 1. c. 23.



signified *πρῶτος*, and *πρωτευων*: and in a secondary meaning it denoted a chief, or prince. We may by these means rectify a mistake in Philo, who makes Sanchoniathon say, that Adodus of Phenicia was king of the country. He renders the name, Adodus: but we know for certain that it was expressed Adad, or Adadus, in Edom, Syria, and Canaan. He moreover makes him βασιλεὺς Θεων, King of the Gods: but it is plain, that the word Adad is a compound: and as the two terms, of which it is made up, are precisely the same, there should be a reciprocal resemblance in the translation. If Ad be a chief, or king; Adad should be superlatively so, and signify a king of kings. I should therefore suspect, that in the original of Sanchoniathon, not βασιλεὺς Θεων, but βασιλεὺς βασιλεων was the true reading. In short Ad, and Ada, signified *first*, *πρῶτος*; and in a more lax sense, a prince or ruler: Adad therefore, which is a reiteration of this title, means *πρῶτος τῶν πρωτων*, or *πρωτευοντων*; and answers to the most High, or most Eminent.

Ham was often stiled Ad-Ham, or Adam contracted; which has been the cause of much mistake. There were many places <sup>87</sup> named Adam, Adama, Adamah, Adamas, Adamana; which had no reference to the protoplast, but were by the Amonians denominated from the head of their family.

<sup>87</sup> Adamantis fluv. Gangeticus.

Adam was sometimes found reversed, as in Amad, a Canaanitish town in the tribe of Ashur. Joshua. c. 19. v. 26. There was a town Hamad as well as Hamon in Galilee: also Amida in Mesopotamia.



## E E S and I S.

Ees, rendered As and Is, like  $\text{שׁ}$  of the Hebrews, related to light and fire; and was one of the titles of the Sun. It is sometimes compounded Ad-Ees, and Ad-Is; whence came the Hades of the Greeks, and Atis and Attis of the Asiatics; which were names of the same Deity, the Sun. Many places were hence denominated: particularly a city in Africa, mentioned by <sup>88</sup> Polybius. There was a river <sup>89</sup> Adefa, which passed by the city Choma in Asia minor. It was moreover the name of one of the chief, and most ancient cities in Syria, said to have been built by Nimrod. It was undoubtedly the work of some of his brotherhood, the sons of Chus, who introduced there the rites of fire, and the worship of the Sun; whence it was stiled Adefa, rendered by the Greeks Edeffa. One of the names of fire, among those in the East, who worship it, is <sup>90</sup> Atesh at this day. The term *As*, like Adad before mentioned, is sometimes compounded with itself, and rendered

<sup>88</sup> Polybius. L. 1. p. 31.

Atis in Phrygia, and Lydia, was represented with a crown of rays, and a tiara spangled with stars, *την κατασκευτον τοις αστροις τιαναν*. Julian. Orat. 5. p. 179.

<sup>89</sup> Podalia, Choma, præfluente Adefa. Plin. L. 5. c. 17.

It was compounded also Az-On. Hence *Aζωνες* in Sicily near Selinus. Diodori Excerpta. L. 22.

<sup>90</sup> Herbert's Travels. P. 316. He renders the word Attash.

Hyde of the various names of fire among the Persians; Va, Adur, Azur, Adish, Atesh, Hyr. c. 29. p. 358. Atesh Pereft is a Priest of fire. Ibid. c. 29. p. 366.



Afas, and Azaz ; by the Greeks expressed  $\text{Αζαζος}$  and  $^{\text{91}}\text{Αζιζος}$ . In the very place spoken of above, the Deity was worshiped under the name of Azizus. The Emperor Julian acquaints us in his hymn to the  $^{\text{92}}$  Sun, that the people of Edeffa possessed a region, which from time immemorial had been sacred to that luminary : that there were two subordinate Deities, Monimus and Azizus, who were esteemed coadjutors, and assessors to the chief God. He supposes them to have been the same as Mars and Mercury : but herein this zealous emperor failed ; and did not understand the theology, which he was recommending. Monimus and Azizus were both names of the same God, the Deity of Edeffa, and  $^{\text{93}}$  Syria. The former is undoubtedly a translation of Adad, which signifies  $\muονας$ , or  $^{\text{94}}$  unitas : though, as I have before shewn, more properly primus. Azizus is a reduplication of a like term, being compounded with itself ; and was of the same purport as Ades, or Ad Ees, from whence the place was named. It was a title not unknown in Greece ; for Ceres was of old called Azazia ; by the Ionians Azefia. Hesychius observes,  $\text{Αζησια, ἡ Δημητηρ}$ . Proserpine also had this name. In the same author we learn that  $\alphaζα$ , aza, signified  $\alphaσβολος$ , or sun-burnt : which shews plainly to what the

$^{\text{91}}$  Aziz, lightning ; any thing superlatively bright, analogous to Adad and Rabrab. Hazazon Tamor, mentioned 2 Chron. c. 20. v. 2.

$^{\text{92}}$  Orat. 4. p. 150.

$^{\text{93}}$  Azaz, and Afisus, are the same as Afis and Isis made feminine in Egypt ; who was supposed to be the sister of Osiris the Sun.

$^{\text{94}}$   $\text{Την ΜΟΝΑΔΑ της ανδρας ονομαζειν Απολλωνα}$ . Plutarch. Isis & Osiris. P. 354.



primitive word <sup>95</sup> related. This word is often found combined with Or ; as in Aforus, and Eforus, under which titles the Deity was worshiped in <sup>96</sup> Syria, <sup>97</sup> Sicily, and Carthage : of the last city he was supposed to have been the founder. It is often compounded with El, and Il ; and many places were from thence denominated Alefia, Elyfa, Eleufa, Halefus, Elyfus, Eleufis, by apocope Las, Lafa, Læfa, Lafaia ; also Liffa, Liffus, Liffia. Sometimes we meet with these terms reversed ; and instead of El Ees they are rendered Ees El : hence we have places named Azilis, Azila, Afyla, contracted Zelis, Zela, Zeleia, Zelitis ; also Sele, Sela, Sala, Salis, Sillas, Silis, Soli. All these places were founded or denominated by people of the Amonian worship : and we may always upon inquiry perceive something very peculiar in their history, and situation. They were particularly devoted to the worship of the Sun ; and they were generally situated near hot springs, or else upon foul and fetid lakes, and pools of bitumen. It is also not uncommon to find near them mines of salt and nitre ; and caverns sending forth pestilential ex-

<sup>95</sup> Hence came affo, affare, of the Romans.

Jezebel, whose father was Ethbaal, king of Sidon, and whose daughter was Athaliah, seems to have been named from Aza-bel ; for all the Sidonian names are compounds of sacred terms.

<sup>96</sup> Places, which have this term in their composition, are to be found also in Canaan, and Africa. See Relandi Palæstina. Vol. 2. p. 597. Joseph. Ant. L. 8. c. 2. Hazor, the chief city of Jabin, who is stiled king of Canaan, stood near Lacus Samochonites. Azorus near Heraclea in Thessaly, at the bottom of Mount Œta. Hazor is mentioned as a kingdom, and seemingly near Edom, and Kedar. Jeremiah. c. 49, v. 39-33.

<sup>97</sup> Hazor in Sicily stood near Enna, and was by the Greeks rendered Αἰωγορ, and Αἰωγορ. Azor and Azur was a common name for places, where Purathcia were constructed. See Hyde. Relig. Pers. c. 3. p. 100.

halations.



halations. The Elyfian plain near the Catacombs in Egypt stood upon the foul Charonian canal : which was so noisome, that every fetid ditch and cavern was from it called Charonian. Asia Proper comprehended little more than Phrygia, and a part of Lydia; and was bounded by the river Halys. It was of a most inflammable soil ; and there were many fiery eruptions about Caroura, and in Hyrcania, which latter was stiled by the Greeks *κεκαυμενη*. Hence doubtless the region had the name of <sup>98</sup> Asia, or the land of fire. One of its most ancient cities, and most revered, was Hierapolis, famous for its hot <sup>99</sup> fountains. Here was also a sacred cavern, stiled by <sup>100</sup> Strabo Plutonium, and Charonium ; which sent up pestilential effluvia. Photius in the life of Isidorus acquaints us, that it was the temple of Apollo at Hierapolis, within whose precincts these deadly vapours arose. <sup>1</sup> *Εν Ἱεραπολει της Φρυγίας Ἱερον ην Ἀπολλωνος, ὑπο δε τον ναον καταβασιον ὑπεκειτο, θανασιμυς αναπνοας παρεχομενον.* He speaks of this cavity as being immediately under the edifice. Four caverns of this sort, and stiled Charonian, are mentioned by <sup>2</sup> Strabo in this part of the world. Pliny speaking of

<sup>98</sup> The country about the Cäyster was particularly named Asia.

*Ἀσιῶν ἐν λειμῶνι Καῦτῳ 2μφι ρεεθρα.* Homer. Iliad. B. v. 461.

Of these parts see Strabo. L. 13. p. 932.

<sup>99</sup> *Ἱεραπολις.*—θερμῶν υδατῶν πολλῶν πληθεσθαι, ἀπο τῆς Ἱερα πολλὰ ἐχέειν.  
Stephanus Byzant.

<sup>100</sup> *Ἱεραπολις,* ὅπου τὰ θερμὰ ὕδατα, καὶ τὸ Πλῆτωνιον, ἀμφὶ παραδοξολογίαν τινα ἐχούτα. Strabo. L. 13. p. 933.

<sup>1</sup> Damascius apud Photium in Vitâ Isidor. c. 242.

<sup>2</sup> At Hierapolis, Acharaca, Maglesia, and Myus. Strabo. L. 12. p. 868.

*Ἀχαράκα, ἐν ᾗ τὸ Πλῆτωνιον, ἔχον καὶ ἀλσὸς πολυτελες, καὶ νεῶν Πλῆτων-*  
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of some Charonian hollows in Italy, says that the exhalations were insupportable. <sup>3</sup> Spiracula vocant, alii *Charoneas* scrobes, mortiferum spiritum exhalantes. It may appear wonderful; but the Amonians were determined in the situation both of their cities and temples by these strange phænomena. They esteemed no places so sacred, as those, where there were fiery eruptions; uncommon steams, and sulphureous exhalations. In Armenia near <sup>4</sup> Comana, and Camisena, was the temple of <sup>5</sup> Anait, or fountain of the Sun. It was a Persian and Babylonish Deity, as well as an Armenian, which was honoured with Puratheia, where the rites of fire were particularly kept up. The city itself was named Zela: and close behind it was a large nitrous lake. In short, from the Amonian terms, Al-As, came the Grecian ἄλος, ἄλας, ἄλς; as from the same terms reversed (As-El) were formed the La-

νος τε και Ἡρας και το ΧΑΡΩΝΙΟΝ αντρον ὑπερκειμενον τε αλσος, θαυμαστον τη φυσει. Strabo. L. 14. p. 960.

<sup>3</sup> Plin. H. N. L. 2. c. 93. Spiritus lethales alibi, aut scrobibus emissi, aut ipso loci situ mortiferi: alibi volucris tantum, ut Soracte vicino urbi tractu: alibi præter hominem cæteris animantibus: nonnunquam et homini; ut in Sinuessano agro, et Puteolano. Spiracula vocant, alii Charoneas scrobes, mortiferum spiritum exhalantes. Strabo of the same: Θυμβρία, παρ' ἣν Αορνον εστι σπηλαιον ἱερον, ΧΑΡΩΝΙΟΝ λεγομενον, ολεθριος εχον αποφορας. L. 14. p. 943.

<sup>4</sup> Ἀπαντα μεν εν τα των Περσων ἱερα και Μηδοι και Αρμενιοι τετιμηκασιν τα δε της Αναϊτιδος διαφεροντως Αρμενιοι. Strabo. L. 11. p. 805.

<sup>5</sup> Anait signifies a fountain of fire; under which name a female Deity was worshiped. Wherever a temple is mentioned dedicated to her worship, there will be generally found some hot streams either of water or bitumen: or else salt, and nitrous pools. This is observable at Arbela. Περι Αρβηλα δε εστι και Δημητριάς πολις, ειθ' ἡ τε ναφθα πηγη, και τα πυρα, και το της Αναϊας (or Αναϊτιδος) ἱερον. Strabo. L. 16. p. 1072.

Of Anait see Strabo. L. 11. p. 779. L. 12. p. 838. L. 15. p. 1066.

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tine Sal, Sol, and Salum. Wherever the Amonians found places with these natural or præternatural properties, they held them sacred, and founded their temples near them. <sup>6</sup> Selenoufia in Ionia was upon a salt lake, sacred to Artemis. In Epirus was a city called Alefa, Eliffa, and Lefa: and hard by were the Alefian plains: similar to the Elyfian in Egypt: in these was produced a great quantity of fossil <sup>7</sup> salt. There was an Alefia in Arcadia, and a mountain Alefium: with a temple upon it. Here an ancient personage, Æputus, was said to have been suffocated with salt water: in which history there is an allusion to the etymology of the name. It is true that Pausanias supposes it to have been called Alefia from Rhea having wandered thither; <sup>8</sup> *δια την αλην, ως φασι, καλουμενον την Ρεας*: but it was not *αλη*, but *αλας*, and *αλος*, sal; and the Deity, to whom that body was sacred, from whence the place was named. And this is certain from another tradition, which there prevailed: for it is said that in ancient times there was an eruption of sea water in the temple: <sup>9</sup> *Θαλασσης δε αναφαινεσθαι κυμα εν τω Ιερω: τριτω λογος εστιν αρχαιος*. Nor was this appellation confined to one particular sort of fountain, or water: but all waters, that had any uncommon property, were in like manner sacred: to Elees, or Eesel. It was an ancient title of Mithras and Ofi-

<sup>6</sup> Strabo. L. 14. p. 951.

<sup>7</sup> *Εστι και Αλησιον πεδιον της Ηπειρου, ινα πηγνυται αλας*. Stephanus Byzantinus.

<sup>8</sup> Pausanias. L. 8. p. 618.

<sup>9</sup> Athanasius, who was of Egypt, speaks of the veneration paid to fountains and waters. *Αλλοι ποταμους και κρηνας, και παντων μαλιστα Αιγυπτιοι το υδωρ προτιτιμηνασιν, και θεος αναγορευσι*. Oratio contra Gentes. P. 2. Edit. Commelin.



is in the east, the same as <sup>10</sup> Sol, the Sun. From hence the priests of the Sun were called Soli and Solimi in Cilicia, Selli in Epirus, Salii at Rome, all originally priests of fire. As such they are described by Virgil:

Tum Salii ad cantus incensa altaria circum.

In like manner the Silaceni of the Babylonians were worshippers of the same Deity, and given to the rites of fire, which accompanied the worship of the Sun.

The chief city of Silacena was Sile or Sele, where were eruptions of fire. Sele is the place or city of the Sun. Whenever therefore Sal, or Sel, or the same reversed, occur in the composition of any place's name, we may be pretty certain that the place is remarkable either for its rites or situation, and attended with some of the circumstances <sup>11</sup> above-mentioned. Many instances may be produced of those denominated from the quality of their waters. In the river <sup>12</sup> Silarus of Italy

<sup>10</sup> It was an obsolete term, but to be traced in its derivatives. From Ees-El came Ασυλον, Asylum: from El-Ees, Elis, Elisā, Eleusis, Eleusinia Sacra, Elysiūm, Elysi campi in Egypt and elsewhere.

<sup>11</sup> Of those places called Lasa many instances might be produced. The fountain at Gortyna in Crete was very sacred, and called Lasa, and Lyfa. There was a tradition, that Jupiter when a child was washed in its waters: it was therefore changed to Λουσα. Pausanias says, ὕδωρ ψυχροτατον παρέρχεται ποταμῶν. L. 8. p. 658.

In Judea were some medicinal waters and warm springs of great repute, at a place called of old Lasa. Lasa ipsa est, quæ nunc Callirrhoë dicitur, ubi aquæ calidæ in Mare Mortuum defluunt. Hieron. in Isaiam. c. 17. 19.

Ἡρώδης τοῖς κατὰ Καλλιρρόην θερμοῖς ἐκεχρήτο. Josephus de B. J. L. 1. c. 33. Alefa, urbs et fons Siciliæ, Solinus. c. 11. The fountain was of a wonderful nature.

<sup>12</sup> Strabo. L. 5. p. 385.



every thing became petrified. The river <sup>13</sup> Silias in India would suffer nothing to swim. The waters of the <sup>14</sup> Salassi in the Alps were of great use in refining gold. The fountain at <sup>15</sup> Selinus in Sicily was of a bitter saline taste. Of the salt lake near <sup>16</sup> Selinoufia in Ionia I have spoken. The fountain Siloë at Jerufalem was in some degree <sup>17</sup> salt. Ovid mentions Sulmo, where he was born, as noted for its <sup>18</sup> cool waters: for cold streams were equally sacred to the Sun as those, which were of a contrary nature. The fine waters at Ænon, where John baptized, were called <sup>19</sup> Salim. The river Ales near Colophon ran through the grove of Apollo, and was esteemed the coldest stream in Ionia. <sup>20</sup> Ἀλῆς ποταμός ψυχροτάτος τῶν ἐν Ἰωνίᾳ. In the country of the Alazonians was a bitter fountain, which ran into the <sup>21</sup> Hypanis. These terms were sometimes combined with the name of Ham; and expressed Hameles, and Hamelas; contracted to Meles and Melas. A river of this name watered the

<sup>13</sup> Strabo. L. 15. p. 1029.

<sup>14</sup> Strabo. L. 4. p. 314.

<sup>15</sup> Strabo. L. 6. p. 421.

<sup>16</sup> Strabo. L. 14. p. 951. Here was a cavern, which sent forth a most pestilential vapour. Diodorus Sic. L. 4. p. 278.

<sup>17</sup> Voyages de Monconys. Parte 2de. p. 38.

<sup>18</sup> Sulmo mihi patria est, gelidis uberrimus undis.

Ovid. Tristia: L. 5. Eleg. 10. v. 3.

<sup>19</sup> John. c. 3. v. 23. Ἦν δὲ καὶ Ἰωάννης βαπτίζων ἐν Αἰνῶν ἐγγὺς Σαλείμ· so denominated by the ancient Canaanites.

<sup>20</sup> Pausanias. L. 7. p. 535. The city Arles in Provence was famed for medicinal waters. The true name was Ar-Ales, the city of Ales: it was also called Ar-El-Ait, or Arelate.

<sup>21</sup> Herodotus. L. 4. c. 52.



region of Pamphylia, and was noted for a most cold and pure<sup>22</sup> water. The Meles near Smyrna was equally admired.

<sup>23</sup> Σμυρναίοις δὲ ποταμός Μελῆς· ὕδωρ ἐστὶ καλλίστον, καὶ σπηλαιον ἐπὶ ταῖς πηγαῖς. The Melas in Cappadocia was of a contrary quality. It ran through a hot, inflammable country, and formed many fiery pools. <sup>24</sup> Καὶ ταῦτα δ' ἐστὶ τὰ ἔλη

πανταχθ πυρίληπτα. In Pontus was Amasus, Amasia, Amasene, where the region abounded with hot waters : <sup>25</sup> Ὑπερκεῖται δὲ τῆς τῶν Ἀμασέων τὰ τε θερμὰ ὕδατα τῶν Φαζημονεϊτῶν, ὑγιεινὰ σφοδρὰ.

It is wonderful, how far the Amonian religion and customs were carried in the first ages. The ancient Germans, and Scandinavians, were led by the same principles ; and founded their temples in situations of the same nature, as those were, which have been above described. Above all others they chose those places, where were any nitrous, or saline waters. <sup>26</sup> Maxime autem lucos (or lacus) sale gignendo fecundos Cœlo propinquare, precesque mortalium nusquam propius audiri firmiter erant persuasi ; prout exemplo Hermundurorum docet testis omni exceptione major<sup>27</sup> Tacitus.

<sup>22</sup> Pausanias. L. 8. p. 659.

<sup>23</sup> Pausanias. L. 7. p. 535.

<sup>24</sup> Strabo. L. 12. p. 812.

<sup>25</sup> Strabo. L. 12. p. 839.

<sup>26</sup> Gaspar Brechenmaker. § 45. p. 57.

<sup>27</sup> Tacitus. Annal. L. 13. c. 57.

From this ancient term As, or Az, many words in the Greek language were derived : such as αἰσῶμαι, veneror ; αἰσῶ, ξηραίνω ; αἰσάλεον, θερμόν ; αἰσά, ασβόλος ; αἰσῶπεϊς, αἰ ξηραὶ ἐκ τῆς θεωρίας. Hesychius.



S A N, S O N, Z A N, Z A A N.

The most common name for the Sun was San, and Son; expressed also Zan, Zon, and Zaan. Zeus of Crete, who was supposed to have been buried in that Island, is said to have had the following inscription on his tomb:

<sup>28</sup> Ὡδε μέγας κεῖται Ζαν, ὃν Δία κικλήσκουσιν.

The Ionians expressed it Ζην, and Ζηνα. Hesychius tells us, that the Sun was called Σαως by the Babylonians. It is to be observed that the Grecians in foreign words continually omitted the Nu final, and substituted a Sigma. The true Babylonish name for the Sun was undoubtedly Σαων, oftentimes expressed Σωαν, Soan. It was the same as Zauan of the Sidonians; under which name they worshiped Adonis, or the Sun. Hesychius says, Ζαυανας, θεος τις εν Σιδωνι. Who the Deity was, I think may be plainly seen. It is mentioned by the same writer, that the Indian Hercules, by which is always meant the chief Deity, was stiled Dorfanes: Δορσανης ὁ Ἡρακλης παρ' Ἰνδοις. The name Dorfanes is an abridgment of Ador San, or Ador-Sanes, that is Ador-Sol, *the lord of light*. It was a title conferred upon Ham; and also upon others of his family; whom I have before mentioned to have been collectively called the Baalim. Analogous to this they were likewise called the Zaanim, and Zaananim: and a tem-

<sup>28</sup> Cyril. contra Julianum. L. 10. p. 342. And Iamblich. in vitâ Pythagoræ.

Ζαν Κρονος. Lactantii Div. Institut. L. 1. c. 11. p. 53.

Ζαν, Ζευς. Hesychius.



ple was erected to them by the ancient Canaanites, which was from them named <sup>29</sup> Beth-Zaananim. There was also a place called Sanim in the same country, rendered Sonam<sup>30</sup>, Σωναμ, by Eusebius; which was undoubtedly named in honour of the same persons: for their posterity looked up to them, as the Heliadæ, or descendants of the Sun, and denominated them from that luminary. According to Hesychius it was a title, of old not unknown in Greece; where princes and rulers were stiled Zanides, Ζανιδες, Ἡγεμονες. In <sup>31</sup> Diodorus Siculus mention is made of an ancient king of Armenia, called Barsanes; which signifies the offspring of the Sun. We find temples erected to the Deity of the same purport; and stiled in the singular Beth-San: by which is meant the temple of the Sun. Two places occur in Scripture of this name: the one in the tribe of Manasseh; the other in the land of the Philistines. The latter seems to have been a city; and also a temple, where the body of Saul was exposed after his defeat upon mount Gilboa. For it is said, that the Philistines <sup>32</sup> *cut off his head, and stripped off his armour—and they put his armour in the house of Ashtoreth, and they fastened his body to the wall of Bethsan.* They seem to have sometimes used this term with a reduplication: for we read of a city in Canaan called <sup>33</sup> Sanfanah; by which is signified a place sacred to the most illustrious Orb of day.

<sup>29</sup> Joshua. c. 19. v. 33. Judges. c. 4. v. 11. Also Tzaanan. Micah. c. 1. v. 11. Solis Fons.

<sup>30</sup> Relandi Palestina. V. 2. p. 983.

<sup>31</sup> Diodorus Siculus. L. 2. p. 90.

<sup>32</sup> 1 Samuel. c. 31. v. 9, 10.

<sup>33</sup> Joshua. c. 15. v. 31.



Some ancient statues near mount Cronius in Elis were by the natives called Zanes, as we are told by Pausanias : <sup>34</sup> Καλούνται δὲ ὑπὸ τῶν ἐπιχωρίων Ζάνες. They were supposed to have been the statues of Zeus : but Zan was more properly the Sun ; and they were the statues of persons, who were denominated from him. One of these persons, stiled Zanes, and Zanim, was Chus : whose posterity sent out large colonies to various parts of the earth. Some of them settled upon the coast of Ausonia, called in later times Italy ; where they worshiped their great ancestor under the name of San-Chus. Silius Italicus speaking of the march of some Sabine troops, says,

<sup>35</sup> Pars Sancum voce canebant

Auctorem gentis.

Lactantius takes notice of this Deity. <sup>36</sup> Ægyptii Isidem, Mauri Jubam, Macedones Cabirum—Sabini *Sancum* colunt. He was not unknown at Rome, where they stiled him Zeus Pistius, as we learn from Dionysius of Halicarnassus :

<sup>37</sup> Εἰς Ἱερὸν Διὸς Πιστῆς, ὃν Ῥωμαῖοι Σαγκὸν καλεῖσι. There are

<sup>34</sup> Pausanias. l. 5. p. 430.

*Zana, Zora, Zoara* all names of the same purport, all statues of the Sun, called Zan, Zon, Zoan, Xoan.

<sup>35</sup> Silius Italicus. L. 8. v. 421.

<sup>36</sup> Lactantius, de F. R. l. 1. p. 65.

Fit sacrificium, quod est proficiscendi gratiâ, Herculi, aut *Sanco*, qui idem deus est. Festus.

<sup>37</sup> Dionysius Halicarnass. Antiq. Rom. L. 4. p. 246. St. Austin supposes the name to have been Sanctus. Sabini etiam Regem suum primum Sancum, sive, ut aliqui appellant, Sanctum, retulerunt inter deos. Augustinus de Civitate Dei. L. 18. c. 19. The name was not of Roman original ; but far prior to Rome.



in Gruter inscriptions, wherein he has the title of Semon prefixed, and is also stiled Sanctus.

<sup>38</sup> S A N C T O. S A N C O.  
S E M O N I. D E O. F I D I O.  
S A C R U M.

Semon (Sem-On) signifies Cœlestis Sol.

Some of the ancients thought that the soul of man was a divine emanation; a portion of light from the Sun. Hence probably it was called Zoan from that luminary; for so we find it named in Macrobius. <sup>39</sup> Veteres nullum animal sacrum in finibus suis esse patiebantur; sed abigebant ad fines Deorum, quibus sacrum esset: animas vero sacratorum hominum, quos Græci ΖΩΑΝΑΣ vocant, Diis debitas æstima-

D I, D I O, D I S, D U S.

Another common name for the Deity was Dis, Dus, and the like; analagous to Deus, and Theos of other nations. The Sun was called Arez in the east, and compounded Dis-arez, and Dus-arez; which signifies Deus Sol. The name is mentioned by Tertullian <sup>40</sup>. Unicuique etiam

<sup>38</sup> Gruter. Inscript. Vol. 1. p. 96. n. 6.

Semoni Sanco Deo Fidio. n. 5.

Sanco Fidio Semo Patri. n. 7.

Sanco Deo Patr. Reatin. sacrum. n. 8.

From San came the Latine terms, sanus, sano, sanctus, sancire.

Vossius derives San or Zan from שָׁנָה, sævire. De Idol. L. 1. c. 22. p. 168.

<sup>39</sup> Macrobii Saturn. L. 3. c. 8. p. 282.

Hence perhaps came ζῶειν and ζῆν to live: and ζῶον, animal: and hence the title of Apollo Ζηνοδοτήρ.

<sup>40</sup> Tertullian. Apolog. c. 24.



provinciae et civitati suus Deus est, ut Syriae Astarte, Arabiae Dyfares. Hefychius supposes the Deity to have been the same as Dionusus. Δυσσαρην τον Διονυσον Ναβαταιοι (καλεσιν), ὡς Ισιδωρος. There was a high mountain or promontory in <sup>41</sup> Arabia, denominated from this Deity: analogous to which there was one in Thrace, which had its name <sup>42</sup> from Duforus, or the God of light, Orus. I took notice, that Hercules, or the chief Deity among the Indians, was called Dorfanus: he had also the name of Sandis, and Sandes; which signifies Sol Deus. <sup>43</sup> Βηλον μεν τον Δια τυχον, Σανδην τε τον Ἡρακλεα, και Αναϊτιδα την Αφροδιτην, και αλλως αλλως εκαλεν. Agathias of the people in the east. Probably the Deity Bendis, whose rites were so celebrated in Phrygia and Thrace, was a compound of Ben-Dis, the offspring of God. The natives of this country represented Bendis as a female; and supposed her to be the same as <sup>44</sup> Selene, or the moon. The same Deity was often masculine and feminine: what was Dea Luna in one country, was Deus Lunus in another.

<sup>41</sup> Δυσσαρη (lege Δυσσαρης) σκοπελος και κορυφη ὑψηλοτατη Αραβιας· ειρηται δ' απο τῆς Δυσσαρης. Θεος δε ὅτος παρα Αραβι και Δαχαρηνοις τιμωμενος. Stephanus Byz.

Δης, Dous, is the same as Deus. Δους-Αρης, Deus Sol.

<sup>42</sup> Δυσωρον καλεομενον ουρος. Herod. L. 5. c. 17.

<sup>43</sup> Agathias. L. 2. p. 62.

<sup>44</sup> Το ονομα τῆτο Θρακον ἡ Βενδης· οὕτω και Θρακος θεολογη μετα των πολλων της Σεληνης ονοματων και την Βενδιν εις την θεον αναπεμφαντος.

Πλητωνη τε, και Ευφρασυνη, Βενδης τε κραταια.

Ex Proclo. See Poesis Philosophica. Edit. H. Steph. p. 91.



## K Ū R, Κ Υ Ρ Ο Σ, C U R A.

The Sun was likewise named Kur, Cur, Κυρος. <sup>45</sup> Κυρον γαρ καλειν Περσας τον ἥλιον. Many places were sacred to this Deity, and called Cura, Curia, Curopolis, Curene, Curefchata, Curesta, Curestica regio. Many rivers in Persis, Media, Iberia, were denominated in the same manner. The term is sometimes expressed Corus: hence Corusia in Scythia. Of this term I shall say more hereafter.

## C O H E N or C A H E N.

Cohen, which seems among the Egyptians and other Amonians to have been pronounced Cahen, and Chan, signified a Priest; also a Lord or Prince. In early times the office of a Prince and of a Priest were comprehended under one character.

<sup>46</sup> Rex Anius, Rex idem hominum, Phœbique Sacerdos. This continued a great while in some parts of the <sup>47</sup> world; especially in Asia Minor, where even in the time of the Romans the chief priest was the prince of the <sup>48</sup> province. The

<sup>45</sup> Plutarch. in Artaxerxe. P. 1012.

<sup>46</sup> Virgil. Æneis. L. 3. v. 80.

Majorum enim hæc erat consuetudo, ut Rex esset etiam Sacerdos, et Pontifex: unde hodieque Imperatores Pontifices dicamus. Servii Scholia ibidem.

<sup>47</sup> Οἱ δ' ἱερεῖς το παλαιον μεν δυνασται τινες ησαν. Strabo. L. 12. p. 851. It is spoken particularly of some places in Asia Minor.

<sup>48</sup> Pythodorus, the high priest of Zela, and Comana in Armenia was the king of the country. Ην δ' ἱερεὺς κυριος των παντων. Strabo. L. 12. p. 838.



term was sometimes used with a greater latitude; and denoted any thing noble and divine. Hence we find it prefixed to the names both of Deities and men; and of places denominated from them. It is often compounded with Athoth, as Canethoth; and we meet with Can-Ofiris, Can-ophis, Can-ebron, and the like. It was sometimes expressed Kun, and among the Athenians was the title of the ancient priests of Apollo; whose posterity were stiled Κυννιδαι, Cunnidæ, according to Hesychius. Κυννιδαι, γένος εν Αθηνησιν, εξ ου ο Ίερευσ τε Κυννις Απολλωνος. We find from hence, that Apollo was stiled Κυννιος, Cunnius. Κυννιος, Απολλωνος επιθετον. Hence came κυνειν, προσκυνειν, προσκυνησις, well known terms of adoration. It was also expressed Con, as we may infer from the title of the Egyptian Hercules.<sup>49</sup> Τον Ήρακλην φησι κατα την Αιγυπτιων διαλεκτον ΚΩΝΑ λεγεσθαι. It seems also to have been a title of the true God, who by <sup>50</sup> Moses is stiled Konah, קנח.

We find this term oftentimes subjoined. The Chaldeans, who were particularly possessed of the land of Ur, and were worshipers of fire, had the name of Urchani. Strabo limits this title to one branch of the Chaldeans, who were literati, and observers of the heavens; and even of these to one sect only. Εσι δε και των Χαλδαιων των Αστρονομικων γενη πλειω

<sup>49</sup> Etymologicum Magnum.

Κυνιδης Προσειδων Αθηνησιν επιματο. Hesychius.

<sup>50</sup> Genesis. c. 14. v. 19. קנח קנח קנח קנח.

Sabacón of Ethiopia was Saba Con, or king of Saba.



καὶ γὰρ <sup>51</sup> Ορχηνοὶ τινες προσαγορεύονται. But <sup>52</sup> Ptolemy speaks of them more truly as a nation ; as does Pliny likewise. He mentions their stopping the course of the Euphrates, and diverting the stream into the channel of the Tigris. <sup>53</sup> Euphratem præcludere Orcheni, &c. nec nisi Pasitigri defertur in mare. There seem to have been particular colleges appropriated to the astronomers and priests in Chaldea, which were called Conah ; as we may infer from <sup>54</sup> Ezra. He applies it to societies of his own priests and people ; but it was a term borrowed from Chaldea.

The title of Urchan among the Gentile nations was appropriated to the God of fire, and his <sup>55</sup> priests ; but was assumed by other persons. Some of the priests, and princes among the Jews after the return from captivity took the name of Hyrcanus. Orchan, and Orchanes among the Persic and Tartar nations is very common at this <sup>56</sup> day ; among whom the word Chan is ever current for a prince or king. Hence we read of Mangu Chan, Cublai Chan,

<sup>51</sup> Strabo. L. 16. p. 1074.

<sup>52</sup> Ptolem. Geogr. Lib. 5. cap. 19. p. 165. He places very truly the Orcheni upon the Sînus Persicus : for they extended so far.

Παρακεῖται τῇ ἐρημῷ Ἀραβίᾳ ἡ Χαλδαία χώρα. Idem. L. 5. c. 20. p. 167.

<sup>53</sup> Plin. H. N. L. 6. c. 27.

<sup>54</sup> Ezra. c. 5. v. 6. c. 4. v. 9—17.

<sup>55</sup> The priests in Egypt, among other titles, were called Sonchin, five Solis Sacerdotes, changed to Σονχῆς in the singular. Pythagoras was instructed by a Sonchin, or priest of the Sun. It is mentioned as a proper name by Clemens Alexandr. Strom. L. 1. p. 356. And it might be so : for priests were denominated from the Deity, whom they served.

<sup>56</sup> See Observations upon the Ancient History of Egypt. P. 164.



Cingis Chan. Among some of these nations it is expressed Kon, Kong, and King. Monsieur de Lisle, speaking of the Chinese, says, <sup>57</sup> Les noms de King Che, ou Kong-Sse, signifient Cour de Prince en Chine. Can, ou Chan en langue Tartare signifie Roi, ou Empereur.

## P E T A H.

Of this Amonian term of honour I have taken notice in a treatise before. I have shewn, that it was to be found in many Egyptian <sup>58</sup> names, such as Petiphra, Petiphera, Petifonius, Petofiris, Petarbemis, Petubastus the Tanite, and Petesuccus builder of the Labyrinth. Petes, called Peteos in Homer, the father of Mnestheus the Athenian, is of the same original: <sup>59</sup> Τον γὰρ Πέτην, τον πατέρα Μενεσθεως, τὴ στρατευσάντος εἰς Τροίαν, φανερώς Αἰγυπτίον ὑπαρχάντα κτλ. All the great officers of the Babylonians and Persians took their names from some sacred title of the Sun. Herodotus mentions <sup>60</sup> Petazithes Magus, and <sup>61</sup> Patiramphes: the latter was charioteer to Xerxes in his expedition to Greece: but he was denominated from another office; for he was

<sup>57</sup> Description de la Ville de Pekin. P. 5. He mentions Chao Kong. P. 3.

<sup>58</sup> See Observations and Inquiries. P. 163.

<sup>59</sup> Diodorus Siculus. L. 1. p. 25.

<sup>60</sup> L. 3. c. 61.

<sup>61</sup> L. 7. c. 40.

Patæcion is mentioned by Plutarch de audiendis Poetis. P. 21.

Patiramphes is for Pata-Ramphan, the priest of the God Ramphan, changed to Ramphas by the Greeks.

Ram-Phan is the great Phan or Phanes, a Deity well known in Egypt.



brother to Smerdis, and a Magus ; which was a priest of the Sun. This term is sometimes subjoined, as in Atropatia, a province in <sup>62</sup> Media ; which was so named, as we learn from Strabo, <sup>63</sup> *απο τῆς Ατροπατῆς ἡγεμονος*. In the accounts of the Amazons likewise this word occurs. They are said to have been called Aorpata, or according to the common reading in Herodotus, Oiorpata ; which writer places them upon the Cimmerian Bosphorus. <sup>64</sup> *Τὰς δὲ Ἀμαζόνας καλεῖσι Σκυθαὶ Οἰορπάται· δύναται δὲ τὸ ὄνομα τῆτο κατ' Ἑλλάδα γλωσσᾶν ἀνδρὸκτονοὶ Οἶορ γὰρ καλεῖσι τὸν ἀνδρα, τὸ δὲ πατὰ κτείνειν*. This etymology is founded upon a notion that the Amazons were a community of women, who killed every man, with whom they had any commerce, and yet subsisted as a people for ages. I shall hereafter speak of the nations under this title ; for there were more than one : but all of one family ; all colonies from Egypt. The title above was given them from their worship : for Oiorpata, or, as some MSS. have it, Aor-pata, is the same as <sup>65</sup> Petah Or, the priest of Orus ; or in a more lax sense, the votaries of that God. They were *Ἀνδρὸκτονοὶ* ; for they sacrificed all strangers, whom fortune brought upon their coast : so that the whole Euxine sea, upon which they lived, was rendered infamous from their cruelty : but they did not take their name from this circumstance.

<sup>62</sup> Also in Afampatæ, a nation upon the Mæotis. Plin. L. 6. c. 7.

<sup>63</sup> L. 11. p. 794. He speaks of it as a proper name ; but it was certainly a title and term of office.

<sup>64</sup> Herodotus. L. 4. c. 110.

<sup>65</sup> Aor, is 𐤀𐤓 of the Chaldeans.



One of the Egyptian Deities was named Neith, and Neit; and analogous to the above her priests were stiled<sup>66</sup> Pataneit. They were also named Sonchin, which signifies a priest of the Sun: for Son, San, Zan, are of the same signification; and Son-Chin is *Ζανος ἱερευς*. Proclus says, that it was the title of the priests; and particularly of him, who presided in the college of Neith at Saïs.

### B E L. and B A A L.

Bel, Bal, or Baal, is a Babylonish title, appropriated to the Sun; and made use of by the Amonians in other countries; particularly in Syria and Canaan. It signified *Κυριος*, or Lord, and is often found compounded with other terms; as in Bel-Adon, Belorus, Bal-hamon, Belochus, Bel-on; (from which last came Bellona of the Romans) and also Baal-shamaim, the great Lord of the Heavens. This was a title given by the Syrians to the Sun: <sup>67</sup> Τον Ἡλιον Βεελσαμην καλεσιν, ὁ εστὶ παρὰ Φοινίξῃ Κυριος Οὐρανε, Ζεὺς δὲ παρὰ Ἑλλήσι. We may from hence decipher the name of the Sun, as mentioned before by Damascius, who stiles that

<sup>66</sup> Proclus in Timæum. L. 1. p. 31.

See Iablonsky. L. 1. c. 3. p. 57.

Clemens Alexand. Strom. L. 1. p. 356.

It is remarkable that the worshipers of Wisnou or Vistnou in India are now called Petacares, and are distinguished by three red lines on their foreheads. The priests of Brama have the same title, Petac Arez, the priests of Arez or the Sun. Lucæ Viécampii Hist. Mission. Evangel. in India, 1747. c. 10. § 3. p. 57.

<sup>67</sup> Eusebius. Præp. Evang. L. 1. c. 10. p. 34.



Deity Bolathes : <sup>68</sup> Φοινικες και Συροι τον Κρονον Ηλ, και Βηλ, και Βολαθην επονομαζουσι. What he terms Bolathes is a compound of Bal-Ath, or Bal-Athis ; the same as Atis, and Atish of Lydia, Persis, and other countries. Philo Biblius interprets it Zeus : Damascius supposed it to mean Cronus ; as did likewise Theophilus : <sup>69</sup> Ενιοι μεν σεβονται τον Κρονον, και τστον αυτον ονομαζουσι Βηλ, και Βαλ, μαλιστα οι οικοντες τα ανατολικά κλιματα. This diversity amounts to little : for I shall hereafter shew, that all the Grecian names of Deities, however appropriated, were originally titles of one God, and related to the Sun.

### K E R E N.

Keren signifies in its original sense *a horn* : but was always esteemed an emblem of power ; and made use of as a title of sovereignty, and puissance. Hence it is common with the sacred writers to say <sup>70</sup> *My horn shalt thou exalt*—<sup>71</sup> *his horn shall be exalted with honour*—<sup>72</sup> *the horn of Moab is cut off* : and the Evangelist <sup>73</sup> speaks of Christ as *a horn of sal-*

<sup>68</sup> Damascius apud Photium. c. 243.

Belus primus Rex Assyriorum, quos constat Saturnum (quem eundem et Solem dicunt) Junonemque coluisse. Servius in Virg. Æneid. L. 1.

<sup>69</sup> Theoph. ad Antolycum. L. 3. p. 399. Μη γνωσκοντες, μητε τις εστιν ο Κρονος, μητε τις εστιν ο Βηλος. Idem.

<sup>70</sup> Psalm 92. v. 10.

<sup>71</sup> Psalm 112. v. 9.

<sup>72</sup> Jeremiah. c. 48. v. 25.

<sup>73</sup> Luke. c. 1. v. 69.



*vation* to the world. The Greeks often changed the nu final into sigma : hence from *keren* they formed *κερας, κερατος* : and from thence they deduced the words *κρατος, κρατερος* : also *κοιρανός, κρεων*, and *κραηνον* ; all relating to strength and eminence. *Gerenius, Γεγενυιος*, applied to Nestor, is an Amonian term, and signifies a princely and venerable person. The Egyptian Crane for its great services was held in high honour, being sacred to the God of light, Abis (אבן) or, as the Greeks expressed it, Ibis ; from whence the name was given. It was also called *Keren* and *Kerenus* ; by the Greeks *Κερανος*, the noble bird, being most honoured of any. It was a title of the Sun himself : for Apollo was named *Craneüs*, and <sup>74</sup> *Carneüs* ; which was no other than *Cereneüs*, the supreme Deity, the Lord of light : and his festival stiled *Carnea*, *Καρνεα*, was an abbreviation of *Κερενεα*, *Cerenea*. The priest of Cybele in Phrygia was stiled *Carnas* ; which was a title of the Deity, whom he served ; and of the same purport as *Carneus* above.

## O P H.

*Oph* signifies a serpent, and was pronounced at times and expressed, *Ope*, <sup>75</sup> *Oupis*, *Opis*, *Ops* ; and by Cicero <sup>76</sup> *Upis*.

<sup>74</sup> Pausanias. L. 3. p. 239.

Callimachus. Hymn to Apollo. V. 71. He mentions Minerva *Κραναία*, *Cranæa*. L. 10. p. 886.

Among the Romans this title in later times was expressed *Granus* and *Gran-nus* : hence in Gruter Inscriptions, P. 37. n. 10, 11, 12. APOLLINI GRANNO.

<sup>75</sup> The Dorians expressed it *Ουπιε*. Palæphatus. P. 78.

<sup>76</sup> Cicero de Nat. Deor. L. 3. 23.



It was an emblem of the Sun ; and also of time and eternity. It was worshiped as a Deity, and esteemed the same as Osiris ; by others the same as Vulcan. Vulcanus Ægyptiis Opas dictus est, eodem Cicerone <sup>77</sup> teste. A serpent was also in the Egyptian language stiled Ob, or Aub : though it may possibly be only a variation of the term above. We are told by Orus Apollo, that the basilisk or royal serpent was named Oubaios : <sup>78</sup> Ουβαιος, ὁ ἐστὶν Ἑλληνιστὶ Βασιλισκος. It should have been rendered Ουβος, Oubus ; for Ουβαιος is a possessive, and not a proper name. The Deity so denominated was esteemed prophetic : and his temples were applied to as oracular. This idolatry is alluded to by Moses, <sup>79</sup> who in the name of God forbids the Israelites ever to enquire of those dæmons, Ob and Ideone : which shews that it was of great antiquity. The symbolical worship of the serpent was in the first ages very extensive ; and was introduced into all the mysteries, wherever celebrated : <sup>80</sup> Παρὰ παντὶ τῶν νομιζομένων παρ' ὑμῖν Θεῶν ΟΦΙΣ συμβολὸν μέγα καὶ

<sup>77</sup> Huetii Demonstratio. P. 83.

<sup>78</sup> Orus Apollo. c. 1. p. 2.

Some have by mistake altered this to Ουβαιον.

<sup>79</sup> Leviticus. c. 20. v. 27.

Deuteronomy. c. 18. v. 11. Translated *a charmer, or a consulter with familiar spirits, or a wizard, or a necromancer.*

Tunc etiam ortæ sunt opinionones, et sententiæ ; et inventi sunt ex eis augures, et magni divinatores, et sortilegi, et inquirentes Ob et Ideoni, et requirentes mortuos. Selden de Diis Syris. Synt. 1. c. 2. p. 48. from M. Maimonides in more Nebuchim.

<sup>80</sup> Justin Martyr's second Apology. P. 6.

Of serpent worship see Eusebius. P. E. L. 1. c. 10. p. 40, 41. And Clementis Alexand. Cohort. P. 14. Arnobius. L. 5. Ælian. L. 10. c. 31. of the Asp.

Herodotus. L. 2. c. 74.



μυστηριον αναγραφεται. It is remarkable, that wherever the Amonians founded any places of worship, and introduced their rites, there was generally some story of a serpent. There was a legend about a serpent at Colchis, at Thebes, and at Delphi: likewise in other places. The Greeks called Apollo himself Python, which is the same as Opis, Oupis, and Oub. The woman at Endor, who had a familiar spirit, is called <sup>81</sup> אֹב, Oub, or Ob; and it is interpreted Pythonissa. The place, where she resided, seems to have been named from the worship there instituted: for Endor is compounded of En-Ador, and signifies Fons Pythonis, the fountain of light, the oracle of the God Ador. This oracle was probably founded by the Canaanites; and had never been totally suppressed. In ancient times they had no images in their temples, but in lieu of them used conical stones or pillars, called Βαιτυλία; under which representation this Deity was often worshipped. His pillar was also called <sup>82</sup> Abaddir, which should be expressed Abadir, being a compound of Ab, אב, and Adir; and means the serpent Deity, Addir, the same as Adorus. It was also compounded with On, a title of the same Deity: and Kircher says that Obion is still among the people of Egypt the name of a serpent. אֹב, Ob Mof, Python, vox ab Ægyptiis sumpta; quibus Obion ho-

<sup>81</sup> 1 Samuel. c. 28. v. 7. בעלת אֹב.

<sup>82</sup> It is called Abdir, Abadir, and Abaddir by Priscian. He supposes the stone Abaddir to have been that which Saturn swallowed instead of his son by Rhea. Abdir, et Abadir Βαιτυλος. l. 1. and in another part, Abadir Deus est. Dicitur et hoc nomine lapis ille, quem Saturnus dicitur devorasse pro Jove, quem Græci Βαιτυλον vocant. l. 2.



dieque serpentem sonat. Ita <sup>83</sup> Kircher. The same also occurs in the Coptic lexicon. The worship of the serpent was very ancient among the Greeks; and is said to have been introduced by Cecrops. <sup>84</sup> Philochorus Saturno, et Opi, primam in Atticâ statuissē aram Cecropem dicit. But though some represent Opis as a distinct Deity; yet <sup>85</sup> others introduce the term rather as a title, and refer it to more Deities than one: Callimachus, who expresses it Oupis; confers it upon Diana, and plays upon the sacred term:

<sup>86</sup> ΟΥΠΙ, ΑΝΑΣΣ' ΕΥΩΠΙ.

It is often compounded with Chan; and expressed Canopus, Canophis, Canuphis, Cnuphis, Cneph: it is also otherwise combined; as in Ophon, Ophion, Oropus, Orobus, Inopus, Afopus, Elopus, Ophitis, Onuphis, Ophel. From Cneph the Grecians formed Cyniphus, which they used for an epithet to Ammon:

<sup>87</sup> Non hic Cyniphus canetur Ammon,  
Mitratum caput elevans arenis.

<sup>83</sup> Bechart. Hierozoicon. l. 1. c. 3. p. 22.

<sup>84</sup> Macrobius. Saturnalia. l. 1. c. 10. p. 162.

<sup>85</sup> The father of one of the goddesses, called Diana, had the name of Upi. Cicero de Naturâ Deorum. l. 3. 23.

It was conferred upon Diana herself, also upon Cybele, Rhea, Vesta, Terra, Juno. Vulcan was called Opas. Cicero de Nat. Deor. l. 3.

Ops was esteemed the Goddess of riches: also the Deity of fire:

Ωπι ανασσα, πυρα προθυρος, πυρ προ των θυρων. Hesychius.

Την Αρτεμιν Θρακες Βενδειαν, Κρητες δε Δικτυναν, Λακεδαιμονιοι δε Ουπιν (καλῶσι.) Palæphatus. c. 32. p. 78.

<sup>86</sup> Callimachus. Hymn to Diana. v. 204.

<sup>87</sup> Sidonius Apollinaris. Carm. 9. v. 190.



On the subject of serpent worship I shall speak more at large in a particular treatise.

## A I N.

Ain, An, En, for so it is at times expressed, signifies a fountain; and was prefixed to the names of many places, which were situated near fountains, and were denominated from them. In Canaan near the fords of Jordan were some celebrated waters; which from their name appear to have been of old sacred to the Sun. The name of the place was <sup>88</sup> Ænon, or the fountain of the Sun; the same, to which people resorted to be baptized by John: not from an opinion, that there was any sanctity in the waters; for that notion had been for ages obliterated; and the name was given by the Canaanite: but <sup>89</sup> *John baptized in Ænon near to Salim, because there was much water there: and they came, and were baptized.* Many places were stiled An-ait, An-abor, Anabouria, Anathon, Anopus, Anorus. Some of these were so called from their situation: others from the worship there established. The Egyptians had many subordinate Deities, which they esteemed so many emanations, ἀπορροιαί, from their chief God; as we learn from Iamblichus, Psellus, and Porphyry. These derivatives they called <sup>90</sup> fountains, and

<sup>88</sup> Αἰνων ἐγγυς τοῦ Σαλειμ. Eusebius de locorum nominibus in sacrâ Script. Ain On, fons solis. Salem is not from Salem, peace, but from Sal, the Sun, the Sol of the Latines. Salim, Aquæ solis; also Aquæ falsæ.

<sup>89</sup> St. John. c. 3. v. 23.

<sup>90</sup> Pythagoras used to swear by τετρακτυν παγαν᾽ αἰνας φυσεως. See Stanley of the Chaldaic Philosophy, and Selden de Diis Syris. Synt. 2. c. 1. p. 135.



and supposed them to be derived from the Sun; whom they looked upon as the source of all things. Hence they formed Ath-El, and Ath-Ain, the <sup>91</sup> Athela, and Athena of the Greeks. These were two titles appropriated to the same personage, Divine Wisdom; who was supposed to spring from the head of her father. Wherever the Amonian religion was propagated, names of this sort will occur; being originally given from the mode of worship established <sup>92</sup>. Hence so many places stiled Anthedon, Anthemus, Ain-shemesh, and the like. The nymph OEnone was in reality a fountain, Ain-On, in Phrygia; and sacred to the same Deity: and agreeably to this she is said to have been the daughter of the river <sup>93</sup> Cebrenus. The island Ægina was named <sup>94</sup> OEnone, and OEnopia, probably from its worship. As Divine Wisdom was sometimes expressed Aith-Ain, or *Ἀθηνᾶ*; so at other times the terms were reversed, and a Deity constituted called An-Ait. Temples to this Goddess occur at Ecbatana in Media: also in Mesopotamia, Persis, Armenia, and Cappadocia; where the rites of fire were particularly observed. She was not unknown

*Καὶ πηγὴ πηγῶν, καὶ πηγῶν πηγὰς ἀπασῶν.* Oracle concerning the Deity, quoted in notes to Iamblichus. P. 299.

<sup>91</sup> Athenagor. Legatio. P. 293.

<sup>92</sup> The Amonians dealt largely in fountain worship: that is in the adoration of subordinate dæmons, which they supposed to be emanations and derivatives from their chief Deity. They called them Zônes, Intelligences, Fountains, &c. See Psellus and Stanley upon the Chaldaic Philosophy. P. 17. c. 3.

See Proclus on the Theology of Plato. L. 5. c. 34. p. 315.

<sup>93</sup> Edita de magno flumine Nympha fui. Ovid. Epist. 5. v. 10.

Some make her the daughter of Cebrenus; others of the river Xanthus.

<sup>94</sup> Plin. N. H. L. 4. c. 12.

among



among the ancient Canaanites; for a temple called Beth-Anath is mentioned in the book of <sup>95</sup> Joshua. Of these temples, and the Puratheia there established, accounts may be seen in many parts of Strabo.

I have mentioned, that all springs and baths were sacred to the Sun: on which account they were called Bal-ain; the fountains of the great Lord of Heaven; from whence the Greeks formed *Βαλανεία*: and the Romans Balnea. The southern seas abounded formerly with large whales: and it is well known, that they have apertures near their nostrils, through which they spout water in a large stream, and to a great height. Hence they too had the name of Bal-Ain, or Balænæ. For every thing uncommon was by the Amonians consecrated to the Deity, and denominated from his titles. This is very apparent in all the animals of Egypt.

The term *Ουρανός*, Ouranus, related properly to the orb of the Sun; but was in aftertimes made to comprehend the whole expanse of the heavens. It is compounded of Our-ain, the fountain of Orus; and shews to what it alludes, by its etymology. Many places were named Ees-ain, the reverse of Ain-ees, or Hanes: and others farther compounded Am-ees-ain, and Cam-ees-ain, rendered Amifene, and Camifene: the natural histories of which places will generally authenticate the etymology. The Amonians settled upon the Tiber: and the ancient town Janiculum was originally named <sup>96</sup> Camefe; and the region about it Camifene: undoubtedly from the fountain Camifene, called

<sup>95</sup> Joshua. c. 1. 19 v. 38.

<sup>96</sup> Macrobius. Sat. 1. 1. c. 7. p. 151.

afterward



afterward Anna Perenna, whose waters ran into the sacred pool <sup>97</sup> Numicius : and whose priests were the Camœnæ.

I am sensible, that some very learned men do not quite approve of terms being thus reversed, as I have exhibited them in Ath-ain, Bal-ain, Our-ain, Cam-ain, and in other examples : and it is esteemed a deviation from the common usage in the Hebrew language ; where the governing word, as it is termed, always comes first. Of this there are many instances ; such as Ain-Shemesh, Ain-Gaddi, Ain-Mishpat, Ain-Rogel, &c. also Beth-El, Beth-Dagon, Beth-Aven, Beth-Oron. But, with submission, this does not affect the etymologies, which I have laid before the Reader : for I do not deduce them from the Hebrew. And though there may have been of old a great similitude between that language, and those of Egypt, Cutha, and Canaan : yet they were all different tongues. There was once but one language among the sons of men <sup>98</sup>. Upon the dispersion of mankind, this was branched out into dialects ; and those again were subdivided : all which varied every age ; not only in respect to one another ; but each language differed from its self more and more continually. It is therefore impossible to reduce the whole of these to the mode, and standard of any one. Besides, the terms, of which I suppose

<sup>97</sup> Fontis stagna Numici. Virg. l. 7. 150.

Egeria est, quæ præbet aquas, Dea grata Camœnis. Ovid. See Plutarch. Numa.

<sup>98</sup> It is my opinion that there are two events recorded by Moses, Gen. c. 10. throughout ; and Gen. c. 11. v. 8. 9. One was a regular migration of mankind in general to the countries allotted to them : the other was a dispersion which related to some particulars. Of this hereafter I shall treat at large.



these names to be formed, are not properly in regimine ; but are used adjectively, as is common almost in every language. We meet in the Grecian writings with <sup>99</sup> Ἑλληνα στρατον, Ἑλλαδα διαλεκτον, εσβεσεν Ἑλλαδα φωνην. Also νασον Σικελαν, γυναικα μαζον, Περσην στρατον, ναυτην δρομον, Σκυθην οιμον. Why may we not suppose, that the same usage prevailed in Cutha, and in Egypt ? And this practice was not entirely foreign to the Hebrews. We read indeed of Beer-sheba, Beer-lahoiroi, &c. but we also read of <sup>100</sup> Baalath-Beer, exactly similar to the instances, which I have produced. We meet in the sacred writings with Beth-El, and Beth-Dagon : but we sometimes find the governing word postponed, as in Elizabeth, or temple of Eliza. It was a Canaanitish <sup>1</sup> name, the same as Elisa, Eleusa, Elasa of Greece and other countries. It was a compound of El-Ees, and related to the God of light, as I have before shewn. It was made a feminine in aftertimes : and

<sup>99</sup> Νασον Σικελαν. Theocritus. Idyll. i. v. 124.

Γυναικα τε θησατο μαζον. Homer. Il. Ω. v. 58.

Σκυθην ες οιμον, αβατον εις ερημιαν. Æschyl. Prometh. v. 2.

To give instances in our own language would be needless.

<sup>100</sup> Joshua. c. 19. v. 8. Baalath-Beer, the well or spring of Baal-Ath.

<sup>1</sup> The Jews often took foreign names ; of which we have instances in Onias, Hyrcanus, Barptolemæus, &c.

Sölinus, c. 25. mentions an altar found in North-Britain, inscribed to Ulysses : but Göropius Becanus very truly supposes it to have been dedicated to the Goddess Eliffa, or Eliza.

Ab Eliffâ Tyriâ, quam quidam Dido autumant. Velleius Paterculus. L. i.

Elisa, quamdiu Carthago invicta fuit, pro Deâ culta est. Justin. L. 18. c. 6.

The worship of Elisa was carried to Carthage from Canaan and Syria : in these parts she was first worshiped ; and her temple from that worship was called Eliza-Beth.



was a name assumed by women of the country stiled Phenicia, as well as by those of Carthage. Hence Dido has this as a secondary appellation; and mention is made by the Poet of Dii morientis<sup>2</sup> Elizæ, though it was properly the name of a Deity. It may be said, that these names are foreign to the Hebrews, though sometimes adopted by them: and I readily grant it; for it is the whole, that I contend for. All, that I want to have allowed, is, that different nations in their several tongues had different modes of collocation and expression: because I think it as unreasonable to determine the usage of the Egyptians and ancient Chaldeans by the method of the Hebrews, as it would be to reduce the Hebrew to the mode and standard of Egypt. What in Joshua, c. 19. v. 8. is Baaeth, is, 1 Kings, c. 16. v. 31. Eth-baal: so that even in the sacred writings we find terms of this sort transposed. But in respect to foreign names, especially of places, there are numberless instances similar to those, which I have produced. They occur in all histories of countries both ancient and modern. We read of Pharbeth, and Phainobeth in Egypt: of Themiskir, and <sup>3</sup> Tigranocerta, which signifies Tigranes' city,

<sup>2</sup> Sarbeth or Sarabeth is of the same analogy, being put for Beth-Sar or Sara, οἶκος κυρίας, or κυριακή; as a feminine, answering to the house of our Lady. *Απο ορθς Σαραβαθα*. Epiphanius de vitis Prophetar. P. 248. See Relandi Palæstina. P. 984.

<sup>3</sup> Damascus is called by the natives Damasec, and Damakir. The latter signifies the town of Dama or Adama: by which is not meant Adam, the father of mankind; but Ad Ham, the Lord Ham, the father of the Amonians. Abulfeda stiles Damascus, Damakir. P. 15. Sec or Shec is a prince. Damasec signifies principis Ad-Amæ (Civitas). From a notion however of Adama signifying Adam, a story prevailed that he was buried at Damascus. This is so far useful, as to



city, in Cappadocia, and Armenia. Among the eastern nations at this day the names of the principal places are of this manner of construction; such as Pharsabad, Jehenabad, Amenabad: such also Indostan, Pharsistan, Mogulistan, with many others. Hence I hope, if I meet with a temple or city, called Hanes, or Urania, I may venture to derive it from An-Ees, or Ur-Ain, however the terms may be disposed. And I may proceed farther to suppose that it was denominated the fountain of light; as I am able to support my etymology by the history of the place. Or if I should meet with a country called Azania, I may in like manner derive it from Az-An, a fountain sacred to the Sun; from whence the country was named. And I may suppose this fountain to have been sacred to the God of light on account of some real, or imputed, quality in its waters: especially if I have any history to support my etymology. As there was a region named Azania in Arcadia, the reader may judge of my

shew that Damasec was an abbreviation of Adamasec, and Damakir of Adama-kir.

Also *Κυρεσκαρτα*, the city of Kuros, the Sun. Stephanus Byzant. *Manakarta*, *Δαδοκαρτα*, *Ζαδρακαρτα*. See Bochart. notæ in Steph. Byzantinum. P. 823. *Vologesakerta*. Plin. L. 6. p. 332.

There was No-Amon in Egypt, and Amon-No. Guebr-abad. Hyde. P. 363. Ghavrabad. P. 364. Atesh-chana, domus ignis. P. 359. An-Ath, whose temple in Canaan was stiled Beth-Anath, is found often reversed, and stiled Ath-An; whence came Athana, and *Ἀθῆνα* of the Greeks. Anath signified the fountain of light, and was abbreviated Nath and Neith by the Egyptians. They worshipped under this title a divine emanation, supposed to be the Goddess of Wisdom. The Athenians, who came from Sais in Egypt, were denominated from this Deity, whom they expressed Ath-An, or *Ἀθῆνη*, after the Ionian manner. *Τῆς πόλεως (Σαΐτων) Θεὸς ἀρχηγὸς ἐστίν, Αἰγυπτίῳ μὲν τὸ ὄνομα Νηϊθ, Ἕλλησι δὲ, ὡς ὁ ἐκείνων λόγος, Ἀθῆνα.* Plato in *Timæo*. P. 21.



interpretation by the account given of the excellence of its waters. <sup>4</sup>Αζανια, μέρος της Αρκαδίας—ἐστὶ κρήνη της Αζανίας, ἣ τις γευσάμενος τῆς ὕδατος ποιεῖ μὴδὲ τὴν οὐμὴν τῆς οἴου ἀνεχέσθαι. Hanes in <sup>5</sup> Egypt was the reverse of Azan; formed however of the same terms, and of the same purport precisely.

In respect to this city it may be objected, that if it had signified, what I suppose, we should have found it in the sacred text, instead of אֶן, expressed אֶן יָע. If this were true, we must be obliged to suppose, whenever the sacred writers found a foreign name, composed of terms not unlike some in their own language, that they formed them according to their own mode of expression, and reduced them to the Hebrew orthography. In short, if the etymology of an Egyptian or Syriac name could be possibly obtained in their own language, that they had always an eye to such etymology; and rendered the word precisely according to the Hebrew manner of writing and pronunciation. But this cannot be allowed. We cannot suppose the sacred writers to have been so unnecessarily scrupulous. As far as I can judge, they appear to have acted in a manner quite the reverse. They seem to have laid down an excellent rule, which would have been attended with great utility, had it been universally followed: this was, of exhibiting every name, as it was expressed at the time when they wrote, and by the people, to whom they addressed themselves. If this people through length of time did not keep up to the original etymology in their pronun-

<sup>4</sup> Stephanus Byzantinus.

<sup>5</sup> Isaiah, c. 30. v. 4.

Of Hanes I shall hereafter treat more fully.

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ciation, it was unnecessary for the sacred Penmen to maintain it in their writings. They wrote to be understood : but would have defeated their own purpose, if they had called things by names, which no longer existed. If length of time had introduced any variations, those changes were attended to : what was called Shechem by Moses, is termed <sup>6</sup> Συχαρ or Συχαρ by the <sup>7</sup> Apostle.

A P H A, A P H T H A, P T H A, P T H A S.

Fire, and likewise the God of fire, was by the Amonians stiled Apthas, and Aptha ; contracted, and by different authors expressed, Apha, Pthas, and Ptha. He is by Suidas supposed to have been the Vulcan of Memphis. Φθας, ὁ Ἡφαίστος παρὰ <sup>8</sup> Μερφίταις. And Cicero makes him the same

<sup>6</sup> Genesis. c. 34. v. 4. John. c. 4. v. 5. It is called Συχαρ by Syncellus. P. 100.

<sup>7</sup> The same term is not always uniformly expressed even by the sacred writers. They vary at different times both in respect to names of places and of men. What is in Numbers, c. 13. 8. *יְהוֹשֻׁעַ*, Hoshea, is in Joshua. c. 1. v. 1. *יְהוֹשֻׁעַ* Jehoshua : and in the Acts, c. 7. v. 45. Jesus, *Ἰησοῦς*. Balaam the son of Beor, Numbers, c. 22. v. 5. is called the son of Bosor, 2 Peter. c. 2. v. 15.

Thus Quirinus or Quirinius is stiled Curenus, Luke. c. 2. v. 2. and Lazarus put for Eleasar, Luke. c. 16. v. 20. and John. c. 11. v. 2.

Baal-Zebub, *Βεελζεβυλ*, Matthew. c. 12. v. 24. So Bethbara in Judges, c. 7. v. 24. is Bethabara of John. c. 1. v. 28.

Almug, a species of Cedar mentioned 1 Kings. c. 10. v. 11. is stiled Algum in 2 Chron. c. 2. v. 8. The city Chala of Moses, Gen. c. 10. v. 12. is Calne of Isaiah. *Is not Chalno as Carchemish?* c. 10. v. 9. Jerubbaal of Judges is Jerubbeseth, 2 Samuel c. 11. v. 21. Ram, 1 Chron. c. 2. v. 10. is Aram in Matth. c. 1. v. 3. Ruth. c. 4. v. 19. Hefron begat Ram.

Percussit Dominus Philistim a Gebah ad Gazar. 2 Sam. c. 5. v. 25.

Percussit Deus Philistim a Gibeon ad Gazarah. 1 Chron. c. 14. v. 16.

<sup>8</sup> Iamblichus says the same : *Ἕλληνες δὲ εἰς Ἡφαίστον μεταλαμβάνουσι τὸν Φθα.*

Iamblichus de Myster. Sect. 8. c. 3. p. 159.



Deity of the Romans. <sup>9</sup> Secundus, (Vulcanus) Nilo natus, Phas, ut Ægyptii appellant, quem custodem esse Ægypti volunt. The author of the Clementines describes him much to the same purpose. <sup>10</sup> Αἰγυπτιοὶ δὲ ὁμοίως—το πῦρ ἰδίᾳ διαλεκτῷ Φθα ἐκαλεσαν, ὃ ἐρμηνεύεται Ἡφαίστος. <sup>11</sup> Huetius takes notice of the different ways, in which this name is expressed: Vulcano Pthas, et Apthas nomen fuisse scribit Suidas. Narrat Eusebius Ptha Ægyptiorum eundem esse ac Vulcanum Græcorum: Patrem illi fuisse Cnef, rerum opificem. However the Greeks and Romans may have appropriated the term, it was properly a title of <sup>12</sup> Amon: and Iamblichus acknowledges as much in a <sup>13</sup> chapter, wherein he particularly treats of him. But at the same time it related to fire: and every place, in the composition of whose name it is found, will have a reference to that element, or to its worship.

<sup>9</sup> Cicero de Natura Deorum. L. 3. c. 22.

<sup>10</sup> Auctor Clementinorum. Hom. 9. P. 687. Cotelerii.

<sup>11</sup> Huetii Demonstratio Evan. P. 88.

<sup>12</sup> It is sometimes compounded, and rendered Am-Apha; after the Ionic manner expressed Ημηφα; by Iamblichus Ημηφ. Κατ' ἄλλην δὲ τάξιν προσαττάει θεὸν Ημηφ. Sect. 8. c. 3. p. 158.

Hemeph was properly Ham-Apha, the God of fire.

It was also rendered Camephis, Καμηφίς and Καμηφη, from Cam-Apha: Stobæus from Hermes.

By Asclepiades, Καμηφίς, or Κμηφίς. Καμηφιν τὸν ἥλιον εἶναι φησιν αὐτὸν τὸν δῆπρ τὸν νῦν τὸν νοητὸν. Apud Damascium in vita Isidori. Photius.

<sup>13</sup> Iamblichus. Sect. 8. c. 3. p. 159.

Hence ἀπτω, incendo: also Aptha, an inflammation, a fiery eruption.

Αφθα, ἥ ἐν τροματὶ ἐλκωσις. Hesychius.

Αφθα, λεγεται ἐξανθημάτων εἶδος κλ. Etymolog. Mag.

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There was a place called Aphytis in Thrace, where the Amonians settled very early ; and where was an oracular temple of Amon. <sup>14</sup> Αφυτη, η Αφυτις, πολις προς τη Παλληνη Θρακης, απο Αφυος τινος εγχωρις. Εσχε δε η πολις μαντειον τς Αμμωνος. *Aphyte, or Aphytis, is a city hard by Pallene in Thrace, so called from one Aphys, a native of those parts. This city had once an oracular temple of Ammon.*

It stood in the very country called Phlegra, where the worship of fire once particularly prevailed. There was a city Aphace ; also a temple of that name in Mount Libanus, sacred to Venus Aphacitis, and denominated from fire. Here too was an oracle : for most temples of old were supposed to be oracular. It is described by Zosimus, who says, <sup>15</sup> that near the temple was a large lake made by art, in shape like a star. About the building, and in the neighbouring ground, there at times appeared a fire of a globular figure, which burned like a lamp. It generally shewed itself at times, when a celebrity was held : and he adds, that even in his time it was frequently seen.

All the Deities of Greece were αποσπασματα, or derivatives, formed from the titles of Amon, and Orus, the Sun. Many of them betray this in their secondary appellations : for we read not only of Vulcan, but of Diana being called <sup>16</sup> Apha, and Aphæa ; and in Crete Dictynna had the same name : Hefychius observes, Αφαια, η Δικτυννα. Castor and Pollux were

<sup>14</sup> Stephanus Byzantinus.

<sup>15</sup> Zosimus. L. 1. p. 53.

See Etymolog. Magnum, Apha.

<sup>16</sup> Pausanias. L. 2. p. 180.



stiled <sup>17</sup> Αφετηριοι: and Mars <sup>18</sup> Aphæus was worshiped in Arcadia. Apollo was likewise called <sup>19</sup> Αφητωρ: but it was properly the place of worship; though Hesychius otherwise explains it. Aphetor was what the ancient Dorians expressed Apha-Tor, a <sup>20</sup> fire tower or Prutaneum; the same, which the Latines called of old Pur-tor, of the like signification. This in aftertimes was rendered Prætorium: and the chief persons, who officiated, Prætores. They were originally priests of fire; and for that reason were called <sup>21</sup> Aphetæ: and every Prætor had a brazier of live coals carried before him, as a badge of his office.

### A S T, A S T A, E S T A, H E S T I A.

Ast, Asta, Esta, signified fire, and also the Deity of that element. The Greeks expressed it Ἑστια, and the Romans, Vesta. Plutarch, speaking of the sacred water of Numicius being discovered by the priestesses of this Deity, calls them the virgins of <sup>22</sup> Hestia. Esta and Asta signified also a sacred

<sup>17</sup> Pausanias. L. 3. p. 242. supposed to be named from races.

<sup>18</sup> Pausanias. L. 8. p. 692. or Αφνειος, as some read it.

In like manner Αφθαλα και Αφθαια, Ἑκατη. Stephanus Byzantinus.

<sup>19</sup> Cælius Rhodig. L. 8. c. 16. Αφητωρ, ὃ ἐν τοῖς Δελφοῖς θεός. Auctor Antiquus apud Liliū Gyraldum. Syntag. 7.

<sup>20</sup> These towers were oracular temples; and Hesychius expressly says, Αφητορεια, μαντεια. Αφητορος, προφητευοντος. Hesychius. Αφητορος Απολλωνος. Iliad. L. A. v. 404. Προφητευοντος και μαντευομενθ. Schol. ibid.

<sup>21</sup> See Hoffman. Lexic.

<sup>22</sup> Plutarch. Numa. Vol. 1. p. 68. Ὑδωρ ἱερον αποδειξαι ταις Ἑστιάσι παρθενοῖς.



cred hearth. In early times every district was divided according to the number of the sacred hearths; each of which constituted a community, or parish. They were in different parts stiled Puratheia, Empureia, Prutancia, and Prætoria: also <sup>23</sup> Phratriai, and Apaturia: but the most common name was Asta. These were all places of general rendezvous for people of the same community. Here were kept up perpetual fires: and places of this sort were made use of for courts of judicature, where the laws of the country, *θεμισαι*, were explained, and enforced. Hence Homer speaking of a person not worthy of the rights of society, calls him <sup>24</sup> *Ἀφρητῶρ, ἀθεμιστός, ἀνεσίος*.

The names of these buildings were given to them from the rites there practised; all which related to fire. The term Asta was in aftertimes by the Greeks expressed, *Ἄστυ*, Astu; and appropriated to a city. The name of Athens was at first <sup>25</sup> Astu; and then Athenæ of the same purport: for Athenæ is a compound of Ath-En, Ignis fons; in which name there is a reference both to the guardian Goddess of the city; and also to the perpetual fire preserved within its precincts. The God of fire, Hephaistus, was an Egyptian

*Nec tu aliud Vestam, quam vivam intellige flammam.*

Ovid. Fasti. L. 6. v. 291.

<sup>23</sup> *Φρατρίαι, τὴς τῆς αὐτῆς μετεχοντὰς Φρατρίας, συγγενεῖς*. Hesychius.

*Ἀπατῦρια, ἑορτὴ Ἀθηνησιν*. Hesychius. Apaturia is compounded of Apatur, a fire-tower. Phrator is a metathesis for Phar-Tor, from Phur, ignis. So Prætor and Prætorium are from Pur-tor of the same purport. The general name for all of them was Purgoi, still with a reference to fire.

<sup>24</sup> Iliad. A. v. 63.

<sup>25</sup> Diodorus Siculus. L. 1. p. 24.

compound



compound of Apha-Aftus, rendered by the Ionian Greeks Hephæstus.

The <sup>25</sup> Camœnæ of Latium, who were supposed to have shewn the sacred fountain to the Vestals, were probably the original priestesses, whose business it was to fetch water for lustrations from that stream. For Cam-Ain is the fountain of the Sun: and the Camœnæ were named from their attendance upon that Deity. The Hymns in the temples of this God were sung by these women: hence the Camœnæ were made presidents of music.

Many regions, where the rites of fire were kept up, will be found to have been named Afta, Hestia, Hestiæa, Hephæstia; or to have had cities so <sup>26</sup> called. This will appear from the histories of Thessaly, Lycia, Egypt, Lemnos; as well as from other countries.

From Afta and Estā come the terms Æstas, Æstus, Æstuo, Αἴστυ, Ἑστία, Ἑστιαζέω.

### S H E M, S H A M E N, S H E M E S H.

Shem, and Shamesh, are terms, which relate to the heavens, and to the Sun, similar to שמש שמים, שׁוֹם, of the He-

<sup>25</sup> Plutarch. Numa. P. 62.

<sup>26</sup> In Syria was Aftacus, or the city of Chus: and Aftacur, the city of the Sun. In other parts were Aftacures, and Aftaceni, nations: Aftacenus Sinus; Aftaboras; Aftabeni; Aftabus and Aftasaba in Ethiopia; Aftalepha at Colchis; Afta and Afta in Gedrosia; Afta in Spain, and Liguria; Afta and regio Aftica in Thrace.

Doris named Hestiæotis. Strabo. L. 9. p. 668.

Παι Ῥεας, ἃ γε Πρυτανεία λελογχας, Ἑστία.

Pindar. Nem. Ode 11. v. 1.



brews. Many places of reputed sanctity, such as Same, Samos, Samothrace, Samorna, were denominated from it. Philo Biblius informs us, that the Syrians, and Canaanites, lifted up their hands to Baal-Samen, the Lord of Heaven; under which title they honoured the Sun: <sup>27</sup> *Τας χειρας ορεγειν εις υβαντας προς τον 'Ηλιον' τειτον γαρ, φησι, θεον ενομιζον μονον, ΟΥΡΑΝΟΥ ΚΥΡΙΟΝ ΒΑΑΛΣΑΜΗΝ καλουντες.* Ephesus was a place of great sanctity: and its original name was <sup>28</sup> Samorna; which seems to be a compound of Sam-Oran, Cœlestis Sol, fons Lucis. We read of Samicon in Elis, <sup>29</sup> *χωριον Σαμικον*, with a sacred cavern: and of a town called <sup>30</sup> Samia, which lay above it. The word *Σεμνος* was a contraction of Semanos, from Sema-on; and properly signified divine and celestial. Hence *σεμναι θεαι, σεμνη κορα*. Ancient Syria was particularly devoted to the worship of the Sun, and of the Heavens; and it was by the natives called Shems and Shams: which undoubtedly means the land of Shemesh, from the worship there followed. It retains the name at this <sup>31</sup> day. In Canaan was a town and temple,

<sup>27</sup> Philo apud Euseb. Præp. Evang. L. i. c. 10.

Arabibus Sol Talos, *Ταλος*, et Samasa. Lilius Gyrالد. Syntag. 7. p. 280.

<sup>28</sup> Stephanus Byzant.

<sup>29</sup> Pausanias. L. 5. p. 386.

<sup>30</sup> Pausanias. L. 5. p. 387, 388.

<sup>31</sup> Abulfeda. Tab. Syriæ. P. 5. Syria Scham appellata. Dividitur Syria in quinque præfecturas, quarum unicuique nomine proprio nomen, Al Scham, scil. *Syriæ*, commune datur. Excerptum ex Ibn Ol Wardi. P. 176.

Abulfeda supposes, that Syria is called Scham, quasi sinistra. It was called Sham for the same reason that it was called Syria. *Συρος γαρ ὁ ἥλιος*, the same as *Σειριος*. Persæ *Sugh* Deum vocant. Lilius Gyrالدus. Syntag. 1. p. 5. *Συρια θεα*, i. e. Dea Cœlestis. Syria is called at this day Souristan. Souris from Schor, Sol, *Σειριος* of Greece.



called Beth-Shemesh. What some expressed Shem and Sham, the Lubim seem to have pronounced Zam: hence the capital of Numidia was named Zama, and Zamana, from Shamen, Cœlestis. This we may learn from an inscription in <sup>32</sup> Reineccius.

JULIO. PROCULO.  
PRÆF. URB. PATRONO.  
COL. BYZACENÆ. ET. PA  
TRONO. COLON. ÆLIÆ.  
<sup>33</sup> ZAMANÆ. REGIÆ.

Ham being the Apollo of the east, was worshiped as the Sun; and was also called Sham and Shem. This has been the cause of much perplexity, and mistake: for by these means many of his posterity have been referred to a wrong line, and reputed the sons of Shem; the title of one brother not being distinguished from the real name of the other. Hence the Chaldeans have by some been adjudged to the line of <sup>34</sup> Shem: and Amalek, together with the people of that name, have been placed to the same account. His genealogy is accordingly represented by Ebn Patric. He makes him the son of Aad, and great grandson of Shem. <sup>35</sup> Fuitque Aad filius Arami, filius Shemi, filius Noæ. The author

<sup>32</sup> Reineccii Syntagma. Class. 6. cxxii. p. 458.

<sup>33</sup> El-Samen was probably the name of the chief temple at Zama; and comprised the titles of the Deity, whom the Numidians worshiped. El Samen signifies Deus Cœlestis, or Cœlorum: which El Samen was changed by the Romans to Ælia Zamana.

<sup>34</sup> Ἰστέον δὲ οἱ Χαλδαῖοι ἀπὸ τῆς Σημ καταγονταί, ἐξ ὧ καὶ ὁ Ἀβραάμ. Syncelli Chronograph. P. 98.

<sup>35</sup> Eutychii sive Ebn Patricii Hist. Vol. 1. p. 60.



of the Chronicon Paschale speaks of <sup>36</sup> Chus, as of the line of Shem : and Theophilus in his treatise to Autolycus does the same by <sup>37</sup> Mizraïm. Others go farther, and add Canaan to the <sup>38</sup> number. Now these are confessedly the immediate sons of <sup>39</sup> Ham: so that we may understand, who was properly alluded to in these passages under the name of Shem.

M A C A R.

This was a sacred title given by the Amonians to their Gods; which often occurs in the Orphic hymns, when any Deity is invoked.

<sup>40</sup> Κλυθι, Μακαρ Παιαν, τιτυοκτονε, Φοιβε Λυκωρεν.

<sup>41</sup> Κλυθι, Μακαρ, πανδερες εχων αιωνιον ορμα.

Many people assumed to themselves this title; and were stiled <sup>42</sup> Μακαρες, or Macarians: and various colonies were supposed to have been led by an imaginary personage Macar,

<sup>36</sup> Εκ της φυλης τε Σημ Χους ονοματι, ο Αιθιοψ. Chron. Paschal. P. 36.

<sup>37</sup> Ἐτερος δε υἱος τε Σημ — ονοματι Μετραπεϊμ. Theophilus ad Autolyc. L. 2. p. 370.

<sup>38</sup> Alii Shemi filium faciunt Canaanem. Relandi Palæstina. V. 1. p. 7.

<sup>39</sup> The sons of Ham; Cush and Mizraim, and Phut, and Canaan. Genesis. c. 10. v. 6.

Ham is the father of Canaan. Genesis. c. 9. v. 18, 22.

From Sam, and Samen, came Summus; and Hercules Summanus; Samabēthi, Samanæi, Samonacodoma.

<sup>40</sup> Orphic. Hymn. 33.

<sup>41</sup> Orphic. Hymn. 7. So Ελθε Μακαρ, to Hercules, and to Pan. Κλυθι Μακαρ, to Dionusus. Also Μακαρ Νηρευς. Κλυθι, Μακαρ, φωνων, to Corybas the Sun.

<sup>42</sup> Μελπον δ' ὀπλοτέρων Μακαρων γενέσιν τε, κρισιν τε.

Orphic. Argonaut. v. 42.



or <sup>43</sup> Macaræus. In consequence of this we find, that the most ancient name of many cities and islands was Macra, Macris, and <sup>44</sup> Macaria. The Grecians supposed the term Macar to signify happy; whence *Μακάρες θεοί* was interpreted *ευδαιμόνες*: but whether this was the original purport of the word, may be difficult to determine. It is certain that it was a favourite term: and many places of sanctity were denominated from it. Macar, as a person, was by some esteemed the offspring of <sup>45</sup> Lycaon: by others the son of <sup>46</sup> Æolus. Diodorus Siculus calls him <sup>47</sup> Macareus, and speaks of him as the son of Jupiter. This term is often found compounded, Macar-On: from whence people were

<sup>43</sup> Diodorus Siculus. L. 5. p. 327, 328.

We read of Macaria in the Red Sea. Plin. L. 6. c. 29.

Το Τυρκαίων ὄρος, καὶ Μακάρια. Diodorus Sic. L. 3. p. 173.

<sup>44</sup> Cyprus was called *Μακάρια*, with a town of the same name. Ptolem.

Lesbos Macaria. Clarissima Lesbos; appellata Lana, Pelasgia, Aigeira, Æthi-  
ope, Macaria, a Macareo Jovis nepote. Plin. L. 5. c. 31. and Mela. L. 2. c. 7.  
p. 209.

Ὅσπον Λέσβος ἀνὰ Μακάρος εἶδος ἐντὸς εἰργεῖ. Homer. Iliad. Ω. v. 544.

Rhodes called Macaria. Plin. L. 5. c. 31.

A fountain in Attica was called Macaria. Pausanias. L. 1. p. 79.

Part of Thrace, Macaria. Apollonius Rhod. L. 1. v. 1115.

A city in Arcadia, *Μακάρια*. Steph. Byzant.

*Μακάρις*, a king of Lesbos. Clement. Cohort. P. 27.

An island of Lycia, Macara. Steph. Byzant.

The Macaræes, who were the reputed sons of Deucalion, after a deluge settled in Chios, Rhodes, and other islands. Diodorus Sic. L. 5. p. 347.

<sup>45</sup> Pausanias. L. 8. p. 602. He speaks of Macaria the daughter of Hercules. L. 1. p. 80.

<sup>46</sup> Pausanias. L. 10. p. 896.

<sup>47</sup> Diodorus. L. 5. p. 347. *Μακάρις ὁ Κριωνεύς*. Schol. in Homer. Iliad. Ω. v. 544.

deno-



denominated *Μακρωνες*, and <sup>48</sup> *Μακρωνες*; and places were called *Μακρων*. This probably was the original of the name given to Islands, which were stiled *Μακρων νησοι*. They were to be found in the Pontus Euxinus, as well as in the Atlantic. The Acropolis of Thebes in Bœotia was in like manner called <sup>49</sup> *Μακρων νησος*. It was certainly an Amonian sacred term. The inland city Oäsis stood in an Egyptian province, which had the <sup>50</sup> same name: so that the meaning must not be sought for in Greece. This term was sometimes expressed as a feminine, *Macris*, and *Macra*: and by the Grecians was interpreted *longa*; as if it related to extent. It was certainly an ancient word, and related to their theology: but was grown so obsolete, that the original purport could not be retrieved. I think we may be assured that it had no relation to length. Eubœa was of old called *Macris*; and may be looked upon as comparatively long: but Icarus, Rhodes, and Chios, were likewise called so: and they did not project in length more than the islands in their <sup>51</sup> neighbourhood. They were therefore not

<sup>48</sup> 'Οι Σαννοι, ὡς προτερον ελεγον Μακρωνας. Strabo. L. 12.

Sanni, Σαννοι, means Heliadæ, the same as Macarones. *Μακρωνες*, near Colchis, οἱ νυν Σαννοι. Stephanus Byzant.

<sup>49</sup> The same as the Cadmeum. *Μακρων νησος, ἡ ακροπολις των εν Βοιωτιας*. Θηβων το παλαιον, ὡς ὁ Παρμενιδης. Suidas.

Diodorus Siculus. L. 5. p. 347, *Μακρων νησοι* near Britain and Thule. Scholia in Lycophron. V. 1200.

'Αιδ' εἰσιν Μακρων νησοι, τοθι περ τον αριζον

Ζηνα, Θεων βασιλεια, 'Ρην τεκε τωδ' ενι χωρω.

Of the Theban Acropolis, Tzetzes in Lycophron. V. 1194.

<sup>50</sup> Herodotus. L. 3. c. 16.

<sup>51</sup> Macra, a river in Italy. Plin. L. 3. c. 5.



denominated from their figure. There was a cavern in the Acropolis of Athens, which was called Macrai, according to Euripides.

<sup>52</sup> Προσβορρον αντρον, ας Μακρας κικλησκομεν.

The same author shews manifestly, that it was a proper name; and that the place itself was stiled Macrai. This was a contraction for Macar-Ai, or the place of Macar:

<sup>53</sup> Μακραι δε χωρος ες' εκει κεκλημενος.

All these places were for a religious reason so denominated from Macar, a title of the Deity.

## M E L E C H.

Melech, or, as it is sometimes expressed, Malech, and Moloch, betokens a king; as does Malecha a queen. It was a title of old given to many Deities in Greece; but in after times grew obsolete, and misunderstood: whence it was often changed to *μειλιχος*, and *μειλιχιος*, which signified the gentle, sweet, and benign Deity. Pausanias tells us, that Jupiter was stiled *Μειλιχιος*, both in <sup>54</sup> Attica, and at <sup>55</sup> Argos: and in another part of his work he speaks of this Deity under the same title, in company with Artemis at Sicyon.

<sup>52</sup> Euripides in Ione. V. 937. Ενθα προσβορρες πετρας

Μακρας καλυσιγης ανακτες Αθιδος. Ibid.

<sup>53</sup> Pausanias informs us that the children of Niobe were supposed to have been here slain in this cavern.

<sup>54</sup> Euripides ibid. Also in another place he mentions

Κεκροπος ες Αγτρα, και Μακρας πετρηρεφεις.

<sup>55</sup> Διαβασι δε τον Κηφισσον βωμος εστιν αρχαιος Μειλιχιε Διος. Pausanias. L. 1. p. 9.

<sup>56</sup> Pausanias. L. 2. p. 154.



<sup>56</sup> *Εστὶ δὲ Ζεὺς Μειλιχίος, καὶ Ἀρτεμὶς ὀνομαζομένη Πατρώα.* He mentions, that they were both of great antiquity, placed in the temple before the introduction of images: for the one was represented by a pyramid, and the other by a bare pillar: *Πυραμίδι δὲ ὁ Μειλιχίος, ἥδε κίονι ἐστὶν εἰκασμένη.* He also speaks of some unknown Gods at Myonia in Locris, called *Θεοὶ Μειλιχιοὶ*: and of an altar with an inscription of the same purport, <sup>57</sup> *βωμὸς Θεῶν Μειλιχιῶν.*

Rivers often had the name of Melech. There was one in Babylonia, generally expressed Nahar Malcha, or the royal stream: these too were often by the Grecians changed to *Μειλιχοί*. The foregoing writer gives an instance in a <sup>58</sup> river of Achaia. Malaga in Spain was properly Malacha, the royal city. I take the name of Amalek to have been Ham <sup>59</sup> Melech abbreviated: a title taken by the Amalekites from the head of their family. In like manner I imagine <sup>60</sup> Malchom, the God of the Sidonians, to have been a contraction of Malech-Chom, *βασιλεὺς Ἡλίου*: a title given to the Sun; but conferred also upon the chief of the Amonian <sup>61</sup> family.

<sup>56</sup> Pausanias. L. 2. p. 132.

<sup>57</sup> Pausanias. L. 10. p. 897.

<sup>58</sup> Pausanias. L. 7. p. 573.

<sup>59</sup> The country of the Amalekites is called the land of Ham. 1 Chronicles. c. 4. v. 40.

<sup>60</sup> 1 Kings. c. 11. v. 33.

<sup>61</sup> I will cut off the remnant of Baal from this place, and the name of the Chamerims with the priests; and them that worship the host of heaven upon the house tops, and them that worship, and that swear by the Lord, and that swear by *Malcham*. Zephaniah. c. 1. v. 4.



## A N A C.

Anac was a title of high antiquity, and seems to have been originally appropriated to persons of great strength, and stature. Such people in the plural were stiled Anakim; and one family of them were to be found at <sup>62</sup> Kirjath-Arba. Some of them were likewise among the Caphtorim, who settled in Palestina. Pausanias represents Afterion, whose tomb is said to have been discovered in Lydia, as a son of Anac, and of an enormous size. <sup>63</sup> Εἶναι δὲ Ἀσερίον μὲν Ἀνάκτος Ἀνάκτα δὲ Γῆς παῖδα—ὅσα εἶπεν τὸ σχῆμα περιέχοντα ἐς πῖσιν, ὡς εἰν ἄνθρωπος· ἐπεὶ διὰ μέγεθος οὐκ εἰν ὅπως αὐτὸν εἶδεν. We may from hence perceive that the history of the Anakim was not totally obliterated among the Grecians. Some of their Deities were stiled *ἀνάκτες* others *ἀνακτορες*, and their temples *ἀνακτορία*. Michael Psellus speaking of heresies, mentions, that some people were so debased, as to worship Satanaki: <sup>64</sup> Αὐτὸν δὲ μόνον ἐπιγείον Σατανάκι ἐνσεβνίζονται. Satanaki seems to be Satan Anac, *διαβολὸς βασιλεὺς*.

Necho, Nacho, Necus, Negus, which in the Egyptian and

<sup>62</sup> Judges. c. 1. v. 10. Joshua. c. 15. v. 13. Deuteronomy. c. 2. v. 21. Joshua. c. 11. v. 22. and c. 13. v. 12.

The priests at the Elufinian mysteries were called *ἀνακτοτελεῖται*. Clement. Alex. Cohort. P. 16.

<sup>63</sup> Pausanias. L. 1. p. 87. It was in the island Lade before Miletus. The author adds, when the bones were discovered. *Αὐτικά δὲ λόγος ἦλθεν ἐς τὰς πολλὰς Γήρυον τε Χρυσάορον εἶναι μὲν τὸν νεκρὸν—κτλ—καὶ Χειμαῖρον τε ποταμὸν Ωκεανὸν ἐκάλουν.*

See Cicero de Nat. Deor. L. 3. of Anaces, *Ἀνάκτες*. *Τοὺς Δίους κοῦρες Ἀνάκας οἱ Ἀθηναῖοι προσηγόρευσαν.* Plutarch. Numa.

<sup>64</sup> Michael Psellus. P. 10.



Ethiopic languages signified a king, probably was an abbreviation of Anaco, and Anachus. It was sometimes expressed Nachi, and Nacchi. The buildings represented at Persepolis are said to be the work of Nacki Rustan; which signifies the lord, or prince Rustan.

### Z A R, and S A R.

Sar is a rock, and made use of to signify a promontory. As temples were particularly erected upon such places, these eminences were often denominated Sar-On, from the Deity, to whom the temples were sacred. The term Sar was oftentimes used as a mark of high honour. The Psalmist repeatedly addresses God as his Rock, <sup>65</sup> the Rock of his refuge; the Rock of his salvation. It is also used without a metaphor, for a title of respect: but it seems then to have been differently expressed. The sacred writers call that lordly people the Sidonians, as well as those of Tyre, <sup>66</sup> Sarim. The name of Sarah was given to the wife of Abraham by way of eminence; and signifies a <sup>67</sup> lady, or princess. It is continually to be found in the composition of names, which relate to places, or persons, esteemed sacred by the Amonians. We read of Serapis, Serapion, Serapammon: also of Sarchon, and Sardon; which is a contraction for Sar-Adon. In Tobit mention is made of <sup>68</sup> Sarchedonus; the same name as the former, but with the eastern aspirate. The

<sup>65</sup> Psalm 28. v. 1. Deuteron. c. 32. v. 15. Isaiah. c. 17. v. 10. Psalm 78. v. 35. It is often stiled Selah.

<sup>66</sup> Isaiah. c. 23. v. 8.

<sup>67</sup> Genesis. c. 17. v. 15.

<sup>68</sup> Tobit. c. 1. v. 22.



Sarim in Esther are taken notice of as persons of high<sup>69</sup> honour : the same dignity seems to have been known among the Philistim, by whom it was rendered<sup>70</sup> Sarna, or Sarana : hence came the<sup>71</sup> Tyrian word Sarranus for any thing noble and splendid. In the prophet Jeremiah are enumerated the titles of the chief princes, who attended Nebuchadnezzar in his expedition against Judea. Among others he mentions the<sup>72</sup> Sarsechim. This is a plural, compounded of Sar, and Sech, rendered also Shec, a prince or governor. Sar-Sechim signifies the chief of the princes and rulers. Rabshekah is nearly of the same purport : it signifies the great prince ; as by Rabfares is meant the chief<sup>73</sup> Eunuch ; by Rabmag, the chief of the Magi. Many places in Syria and Canaan have the term Sar in composition ; such as Sarabetha, Sariphæa, Sareptha. Sardis, the capital of Cræsus, was the city of Sar-Ades, the same as Atis, the Deity of the country.

High<sup>74</sup> groves, or rather hills with woods of antient oaks, were named Saron ; because they were sacred to the Deity so called. Pliny takes notice of the Saronian bay near Co-

<sup>69</sup> Esther. c. 1. v. 16.

<sup>70</sup> Joshua. c. 13. v. 3. יִרְדֵּן. Judges. c. 16. v. 5.

In Samuel they are stiled Sarnaim. 1. c. 29. v. 7.

<sup>71</sup> Ostrum Sarranum.

<sup>72</sup> Jeremiah. c. 39. v. 3.

<sup>73</sup> Isaiah. c. 37. v. 4. Jeremiah. c. 39. v. 3.

<sup>74</sup> It is sometimes expressed Saronas.

Est et regio Saronas, sive δρυμός. Reland. Palæstina. P. 188: Any place sacred to the Deity Saron was liable to have this name : hence we find plains so called in the Onomasticon of Eusebius. Ὁ Σαρων—ἡ ἀπο τῆ οὐρῆς Θάλασσα ἐπὶ τῇ Τιβεριάδα λίμνῃ χωρεῖ.

rinth,



rinth, and of the oaks which grew near it. <sup>75</sup> Portus Cœnitis, Sinus Saronicus olim querno nemore redimitus ; unde nomen. Both the oaks and the place were denominated from the Deity Sar-On, and Chan-Ait, by the Greeks rendered Σαρων, and Κοινειτις, which are titles of nearly the same purport. Saron was undoubtedly an ancient God in Greece. <sup>76</sup> Lilius Gyraldus styles him Deus Marinus : but he was properly the Sun. Diana, the sister of Apollo, is named <sup>77</sup> Saronia : and there were Saronia sacra, together with a festival at <sup>78</sup> Trœzen ; in which place Orus was supposed to have been born. <sup>79</sup> Ωρον γενεσθαι σφισιν εν γη πρωτον. Orus was the same as Sar-On, the Lord of light. <sup>80</sup> Rocks were called Saronides, from having temples and towers sacred to this Deity : just as groves of oaks were, of which I took notice above. This interpretation is given by <sup>81</sup> Hesychius ; and by the Scholiast upon the following verse of Callimachus ;

<sup>82</sup> Η πολλας ὑπενεργε Σαρωνιδας ὑγρος Ιαων  
 Ηειρεν.

As oaks were stiled Saronides, so likewise were the antient

<sup>75</sup> Plin. L. 4. c. 8.

<sup>76</sup> Lilius Gyraldus. Syntag. 4. p. 170. from Pausanias, and Aristides in Themistoclem.

<sup>77</sup> Σαρωνια, Αρτεμις Αχαιοι. Hesych. She was by the Persians named Sar-Ait. Σαρητις, Αρτεμις οι Περσαι. ibidem.

<sup>78</sup> Pausanias. L. 2. p. 189.

<sup>79</sup> Pausanias. L. 2. p. 181.

<sup>80</sup> Callimachus calls the island Asterie κακον σαρον. Αστερη, ποντοιο κακον σαρον. This by the Scholiast is interpreted καλυντρον but it certainly means a Rock. Hymn. in Delon. v. 225.

<sup>81</sup> Σαρωνιδες πετραι, η αι δια παλαιότητα κεχηνηνται δρυες. Hesych.

<sup>82</sup> Callimachus. Hymn to Zeus. v. 22.



Druids, by whom the oak was held so sacred. Hence Diodorus Siculus speaking of the priests of Gaul, styles them <sup>83</sup> Φιλοσοφοι, θεολογοι — περιττως τιμωμενοι, ες ΣΑΡΩΝΙ-ΔΑΣ ονομαζουσι. This is one proof out of many how far the Amonian religion was extended: and how little we know of Druidical worship, either in respect to its essence or its origin.

### U. C. H.

Uch, Υκ, expressed also Ach, Och, Οχα, was a term of honour among the Babylonians, and the rest of the progeny of Chus; and occurs continually in the names of men and places, which have any connexion with their history. I have shewn in a former <sup>84</sup> treatise that the shepherds, who ruled in Egypt, were of that race; and that they came from Babylonia, and Chaldea. Eusebius informs us, that their national title was <sup>85</sup> Υκουσος; or, as it was undoubtedly expressed by the people themselves, Υκκουσος, Uc-Cufus. It is a term taken notice of by Apion, and Manethon; and they speak of it as a word in the sacred language of the country, which signified a king; <sup>86</sup> Υκ καθ' ιεραν γλωσσαν βασιλεα σημαινει. I wonder that this word has been passed over with so little notice; as it is of great antiquity; and at the same time of much importance in respect to etymology. Uc-Cufus signified the royal or noble Cufean: and as it was a word in the sacred language of Egypt, we may from hence learn what that language was; and be assured that it was the primitive language of Chus, the

<sup>83</sup> Diodorus Siculus. L. 5. p. 308.

<sup>84</sup> See Observations and Inquiries upon ancient History. P. 196.

<sup>85</sup> Eusebii Præp. Evang. L. 10. c. 13. p. 500.

<sup>86</sup> Josephus contra Apion. L. 1. c. 13. p. 445.



same as the ancient Chaldaic. It was introduced among the Mizraim by the Auritæ, or Cuthites, together with their rites, and religion: hence it obtained the name of the sacred language. Diodorus Siculus affords <sup>87</sup> evidence to the same purpose: and it is farther proved by Heliodorus; who says that the sacred characters of Egypt, and those of the Cuthites in Ethiopia were the <sup>88</sup> same. This term occurs very often among the titles, of which the Babylonish names are composed; such as Ochus and Belochus. Among the Egyptians it is to be found in Acherez, and Achencherez; which are the names of two very ancient princes. Acherez is a compound of Ach-Ares, Magnus Sol; equivalent to Achorus, another name of the same Deity, assumed in like manner by their kings. The latter was sometimes expressed <sup>89</sup> Achor, Achoris, Ochuras, Uchoreus: which are all the same name diversified in different ages, and by different writers. As priests took the titles of the Deities whom they served, Lucan has very properly introduced a priest of Egypt under the name of Achoreus:

<sup>90</sup> quos inter Achoreus,

Jam placidus senio, fractisque modestior annis.

The name of Osiris seems to have been Uc-Sehor, and Uc-Sehoris. According to Hellanicus, if a person had in Egypt made enquiry about the term Osiris, he would not have been understood: for the true name was <sup>91</sup> Ufiris. Philo

<sup>87</sup> Diodorus Siculus. L. 3. p. 144.

<sup>88</sup> Heliodori Æthiopica. L. 4. p. 174.

<sup>89</sup> Achor, θεος απορμιος. Clement. Alexandr. Cohortatio. P. 33.

<sup>90</sup> Lucan. L. 8. v. 475.

<sup>91</sup> Καὶ γὰρ τὸν Οσίριν Ἑλλανικὸς Ὑσίριν εἰρηκεν ἀκηκοέναι ἀπὸ τῶν Ἱερέων λεγόμενον. Plutarch. Isis et Osiris. Vol. 1. p. 364.



Biblius from Sanchoniathon calls the same Deity <sup>92</sup> Ifiris ; and adds, that he was the brother of Cna, or Canaan ; and the inventor of three letters. *Ισιρις, των τριων γραμματαυ ευρετης, αδελφος Χνα τε Φοινικος*. I take Ifiris, and Ufiris, as well as Ofiris, to be all Uc-Sehoris softened, and accommodated to the ears of Greece.

The Sun was stiled El-Uc, which the Grecians changed to *Λυκος*, Lucos ; as we learn from <sup>93</sup> Macrobius. He was also stiled El-Uc-Or, which was changed to *Λυκωρευς* ; and El-Uc-Aon, rendered Lycaon <sup>94</sup>, *Λυκαων*. As this personage was the same as El-Uc, *Λυκος* ; it was fabled of him, that he was turned into a wolf. The cause of this absurd notion arose from hence : every sacred animal in Egypt was distinguished by some title of the Deity. But the Greeks never considered whether the term was to be taken in its primary, or in its secondary acceptation : whence they referred the history to an animal, when it related to the God, from whom the animal was denominated. *Λυκος*, Lucos, was, as I have

<sup>92</sup> Eusebius. Præp. Evang. L. 1. c. 10. p. 39.

<sup>93</sup> Annum quoque vetustissimi Græcorum *λυκαδαντα* appellant τον απο το ΛΥΚΟΥ, id est Sole. &c. Macrobi. Saturn. L. 1. c. 17. p. 194.

<sup>94</sup> Lycaon was the same as Apollo ; and worshiped in Lycia : his priests were stiled Lycaones : he was supposed to have been turned into a wolf. Ovid. Metam. L. 1. v. 232. Apollo's mother Latona was also changed to the same animal. *Ἡ Λητώ εἰς Δήλον ἦλθε μεταβάλλεσθαι εἰς λύκον*. Scholia in Dionys. v. 525.

People are said to have been led to Parnassus by the howling of wolves ; *Λυκων ωρυγαις*. Pausanias. L. 10. p. 811.

The Hirpi were worshipers of fire ; and were conducted to their settlement in Campania by a wolf. Strabo. L. 5. p. 383.

In the account given of Danaus, and of the temple founded by him at Argos, is a story of a wolf and a bull. Pausan. L. 2. p. 153. The temple was stiled *Απολλωνος ἱερον Λυκιε*.



shewn, the name of the Sun: hence, wherever this term occurs in composition, there will be commonly found some reference to that Deity, or to his substitute Apollo. We read of <sup>95</sup> Λυκίης Ἀπολλωνος ἱερόν: of <sup>96</sup> Lycorus, a supposed son of Apollo: of <sup>97</sup> Lycomedes, another son: of <sup>98</sup> Lycosura, the first city, which the Sun beheld. The people of Delphi were of old called <sup>99</sup> Lycorians: and the summit of Parnassus, <sup>100</sup> Lycorea. Near it was a <sup>1</sup> town of the same name; and both were sacred to the God of light. From Lucos in this sense came lux, luceo, lucidus, and Jupiter Lucetius, of the Latines: and λυχνος, λυχνια, λυχνευω, of the Greeks: also Λυκαβας, and ἀμφιλυκος, though differently expressed. Hence it was, that so many places sacred to Apollo were stiled Leuce, Leuca, Λυκία, Leucas, Leucate.

Mox et Leucatæ nimboſa cacumina montis,

Et formidatus nautis aperitur <sup>2</sup> Apollo.

<sup>95</sup> Pausanias above: also Apollo Λυκαίος, and Λικηός. Pausan. L. 1. p. 44. L. 2. p. 152; 153.

<sup>96</sup> Pausanias. L. 10. p. 811.

<sup>97</sup> Pausanias. L. 7. p. 530.

<sup>98</sup> Pausanias. L. 8. p. 678.

<sup>99</sup> Οἱ Δελφοὶ τὸ πρῶτον Λυκῶρεις ἐκαλούντο. Scholia in Apollon. Rhod. L. 4. v. 1489.

<sup>100</sup> Stephanus Byzant. and Strabo. L. 9. p. 640. said to have been named from wolves. Pausanias. L. 10. p. 811.

<sup>1</sup> Λυκῶρεια, πόλις Δελφίδος, ἐν ἣ τιμαῖται ὁ Ἀπολλων. Etymolog. Magnum.

These places were so named from the Sun, or Apollo, stiled not only Λυκος, but Λυκῶρευσ and Λυκῶρειος: and the city Lucoreia was esteemed the oldest in the world, and said to have been built after a deluge by Lycorus, the son of Huamus. Pausan. L. 10. p. 811.

Ἵλιος Φοῖβοιο Λυκῶρειοιο Καφαυρος. Apollon. L. 4. v. 1489.

Λυκῶρειοιο, ἀντι τῷ Δελφικῷ. Scholia. ibid. It properly signified *Solaris*.

<sup>2</sup> Virgil. Æneid. L. 3. v. 274.

Hence



Hence also inscriptions <sup>3</sup> DEO LEUCANIÆ: which term seems to denote, Sol-Fons, the fountain of day. The name Lycophron, Λυκοφρων, which some would derive from Λυκος, a wolf, signifies a person of an enlightened mind. Groves were held very sacred: hence lucus, which some would absurdly derive a non lucendo, was so named from the Deity there worshiped: as was Αἶμος, a word of the same purport among the Greeks.

This people, who received their theology from Egypt and Syria, often suppressed the leading vowel; and thought to atone for it by giving a new termination: though to say the truth, this mode of abbreviation is often to be observed in the original language, from whence these terms are derived. Κυρος, the name of Cyrus, seems to have suffered an abridgment of this nature. It was probably a compound of Uch-Ur, the same as Achor, and Achorus of Egypt, the great luminary, the Sun. In ancient times all kings, priests, and people of consequence took to themselves some sacred title. But as Aneith was abbreviated to Neith, Acherez to Cherez; so Achorus was rendered Chorus, Curus. Thus far is manifest, that Curus signified the Sun. <sup>4</sup> Ὁ μὲν οὖν Κυρος ἀπὸ Κυρὸς τὴ παλαιὰ ὀνόμα ἐσχεν· ἐκεῖνῳ δὲ ἀπὸ τῆς Ἥλιος γενεσθαι φασί· Κυρον γὰρ καλεῖν Πέρσας τὸν Ἥλιον. Ctesias likewise informs us that the name of Cyrus had this signification. <sup>5</sup> Καὶ τιθεῖται τὸ ὄνομα αὐτὸ ἀπὸ τῆς Ἥλιος: *He was denomi-*

<sup>3</sup> Gruter's Inscriptions. Vol. 1. p. MLXXXII. n. 8.

<sup>4</sup> Plutarch. in Artaxerxe. P. 1012.

<sup>5</sup> Ctesias in Persicis.

So Hesychius Τὸν γὰρ ἥλιον οἱ Πέρσαι Κυρον λεγούσι. Hence Κυρος, αἰχμῶν, βασιλεὺς, *ibid.* also Κυρος, ἐξουσία.

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nated Cyrus from the Sun, which was so called. It was the same as Orus : and according to Strabo it is sometimes so expressed ; as we may infer from a river of this name, of which he says, <sup>6</sup> *Ἐκαλεῖτο δὲ πρῶτον Κορος*. We find it sometimes rendered *Κυρίς*, Curis : but still with a reference to the Sun, the Adonis of the east. Hesychius explains *Κυρίς, ὁ Ἀδωνίς*. In Phocis was <sup>7</sup> *Κυρῖα*, Currha, where Apollo *Κυρῖαιος* was honoured ; which names were more commonly expressed *Κιρῖα*, and *Κιρῖαιος*. The people of Cyrene are said by Palæphatus to have been originally Ethiopians or Cuthites. They, as well as the Egyptians, worshiped the Sun under the title of Achur, and Achor : and like them esteemed him the <sup>8</sup> *θεὸς ἀπομνίος*. From the God Achur we may infer that

<sup>6</sup> Strabo, speaking of the river Cur, or Cyrus. L. 11. p. 764.

<sup>7</sup> Quid tibi cum Cyrrhâ ? quid cum Permessidos undâ ?

Martial. L. 1. Epigram. 77. v. 11.

Phocæicas Amphissæ manus, scopulosaque Cyrrha.

Lucan. L. 3. v. 172.

*Κιρῖαν, ἐπινειὼν Δελφῶν*. Pausan. L. 10. p. 817.

<sup>8</sup> Cyrenæici Achorem Deum (invocant) muscarum multitudine pestilentiam adferente ; quæ protinus intereunt, postquam litatum est illi Deo. Plin. L. 10. c. 28. See also Clement. Alexand. Cohort. P. 33.

Some late editors, and particularly Harduin, not knowing that Achor was worshiped at Cyrene, as the *θεὸς ἀπομνίος*, have omitted his name, and transferred the history to Elis. But all the ancient editions mention Achor of Cyrene ; *Cyrenæici Achorem Deum*, &c. I have examined those printed at Rome, 1470, 1473. those of Venice, 1472, 1476, 1487, 1507, 1510. those of Parma, 1476, 1479, 1481. one at Brescia, 1496. the editions at Paris, 1516, 1524, 1532. the Basil edition by Froben, 1523. and they all have this reading. The edition also by Johannes Spira, 1469, has *Acorem*, but with some variation. The spurious reading, *Elei myagrum Deum*, was, I imagine, first admitted into the text by Sigismund Gelenius, who was misled by the similarity of the two histories.



that their country was at first called Acurana; which is a compound of Achur-Ain, and betokens the great fountain of light. Acurana was abbreviated to Curane and Curene; but was always supposed to relate to the Sun, and Heaven. Hence the Greeks, who out of every obsolete term formed personages, supposed Cyrene to have been the daughter of the supreme Deity. <sup>9</sup> Κυρηνη, πολις Λιβυης, απο Κυρηνης της Ύψους. *The city Cyrene in Libya was denominated from Cyrene, the daughter of the most High.* There was a fountain here of great sanctity, which was in like manner denominated from the Sun. It was called <sup>10</sup> Κυρη πηγη, which terms are equivalent to Kur-Ain, and Achur-ain of the Amonians, and signify the fountain of the Sun. Pliny proves, that this was the purport of the terms, when he describes this part of the world. <sup>11</sup> Cyrenaica, eadem Tripolitana regio, illustratur Hammonis oraculo — et *Fonte Solis*. The like account is to be found in Pomponius Mela<sup>12</sup>. Ammonis oraculum, fidei inclytæ; et fons, quem Solis <sup>13</sup> appellant. As Achor was a term, which related

histories. Harduin has followed him blindly, without taking any notice of the more ancient and true reading.

<sup>9</sup> Stephanus Byzantinus. See also Scholia on Callimachus. Hymn. in Apoll. V. 91.

<sup>10</sup> Ὅϊδ' ἔπω Κυρης πηγης ἐδυναντο πελασσαι  
Δωριεες, πυκινην δὲ ναπαις Ἀζειλιν ἐναιον.

Callimachus. Hymn. in Apoll. V. 88.

<sup>11</sup> Plin. N. H. L. 5. p. 249.

<sup>12</sup> L. 1. c. 8. p. 43.

<sup>13</sup> Justin, speaking of the first settlement made at Cyrene, mentions a mountain Cura, which was then occupied. Montem Cyram, et propter amœnitatem loci, et propter *fontium* ubertatem occupavere. L. 13. c. 7.



to the Sun; we find it often compounded with Ων, On, another name of that Deity; from whence was formed Acharon. This was the true name of the city in Palestine, called in Scripture, according to our version, <sup>14</sup> Ekron. It was denominated from Achor, the God of flies, worshipped also under the name of Baal-zebub with the same attribute. The Caphtorim brought the worship of this God from Egypt; where was a river called Acharon; so denominated from the Deity of the country. This river, and the rites practised in its vicinity, are mentioned in a beautiful fragment from some Sibylline poetry, but when, or by whom composed, is uncertain. The verses are taken notice of by Clemens Alexandrinus, and what is remarkable, are certainly quoted long before the completion of what is portended. However the purport may perhaps be looked upon rather as a menace, than a prophecy.

<sup>15</sup> Ἰσι, θεα, τριταλαινα, μενεισ επι χευμασι Νειλσ,  
Μουνη, μαινας, αοιδος, επι ψαμαθοις Αχεροντος.

The Deity was likewise called Achad, and Achon: and  
many

<sup>14</sup> Conformably to what I say, Ekron is rendered *Ακκρων* by the Seventy.  
1 Samuel c. 6. v. 15.

So also Josephus Antiq. Jud. l. 6. c. 1. p. 312.

In Achore vestigia Accaronis: Selden de Dijs Syris. Syntag. 6. p. 228.

Ου ζητησινσι Μυιαν θεον Ακκαραν. Gregory Nazianz. Editio Etonens. 1610.  
Pars secunda cont. Julianum. p. 102.

In Italy this God was stiled by the Campanians, *Ἡρακλῆς Απορμυιος*. See Clemens. Cohort. p. 33.

The place in Egypt, where they worshipped this Deity, was named Achoris; undoubtedly the same, which is mentioned by Sozomen. l. 6. c. 18.

<sup>15</sup> Clemens Alexand. Cohort. p. 44.



many cities and countries were hence <sup>16</sup> denominated. Acon in Palestine is said to have been so named in honour of Hercules, the chief Deity in those <sup>17</sup> parts.

I have mentioned, that Ham, stiled also Cham, was looked up to as the Sun : and worshipped by his posterity. Hence both his images and priests were stiled Chamin : and many princes assumed this title, just as they did that of Orus, and Arez. His posterity esteemed themselves of the Solar race, by way of eminence : and the great founder of the Persic Monarchy was stiled Achamin, rendered by the Greeks *Αχαιμενης*, Achæmenes : and all of his family afterwards had the title of *Αχαιμενιοι*, and *Αχαιμενιδαι*, from the same pretensions. They all of them universally esteemed themselves the children of the Sun ; though they were likewise so called from their worship. Hence Lutatius Placidus in his Scholia upon Statius interprets the word Achæmenidæ by <sup>18</sup> Solis Cultores. This may serve to authenticate my etymology, and shew, that the term is derived from Cham,

He quotes another, where the fate of Ephefus is foretold :

*Ὑπτιὰ δ' οἰμῶξεις Ἐφεσὸς κλαιοῖσα παρ' ὀχθαίῃς,*

*Καὶ Νηὸν ζήτῃσθαι τὸν οὐκετὶ ναίεταί τε.*

There is a third upon Serapis and his temple in Egypt :

*Καὶ σὺ Σεραπὶ λίθους ἀργούς ἐπικείμενε πολλούς,*

*Κεῖσθ' ἢ πτώμα μεγίστον ἐν Αἰγυπτῷ τριταλαίῃ.*

The temple of Serapis was not ruined till the reign of Theodosius. These three samples of Sibylline poetry are to be found in Clemens above.

<sup>16</sup> Achad was one of the first cities in the world. Genesis. c. 10. v. 10.

Nisibis city was named both Achad and Achar. See Geographia Hebræa Extera of the learned Michaelis. p. 227.

<sup>17</sup> Stephanus Byzant.;

<sup>18</sup> Lutatius Placidus upon Statius. Theb. l. 1. v. 718.

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the Sun: but the purport of it was generally more limited, and the title confined to the royal race of the Persians; who were looked upon as the offspring of the Sun. The Cuthites of Ethiopia Africana had the same high opinion of themselves: hence Calafiris in Heliodorus invokes the Sun as his great ancestor. <sup>19</sup> *Ἐπικεκλησθω μαγνὺς ὁ Γενάρχης ἡμῶν Ἥλιος* and Chariclea in another place makes use of a like invocation: <sup>20</sup> *Ἥλιε, Γενάρχα προγονῶν ἡμῶν. O, Sun, the great source of my ancestry.* The Amonians, who settled at Rhodes, stiled themselves *Ἡλιαδαί, the Solar* <sup>21</sup> *race.* Those, who settled upon the Padus, did the <sup>22</sup> same. Hyde mentions a people in Diarbeker called <sup>23</sup> Chamfi; and says, that the meaning of the word is Solares; and the same in purport as Shemfi and Shamfi of the Arabians.

The term *Υκ*, of which I have been treating, was obsolete, and scarce known in the times when Greece most flourished: yet some traces of it may be found, though strangely perverted from its original meaning. For the writers of this nation, not knowing the purport of the words, which they found in their ancient hymns, changed them to something similar in sound; and thus retained them with a degree of religious, but blind reverence. I have shewn, that of *El-Uc* they formed *Λυκος, Lucus*; which was acknowledged.

<sup>19</sup> Heliodori *Æthiopica*. l. 4. p. 175.

<sup>20</sup> Heliodori *Æthiopica*. l. 10. p. 472.

<sup>21</sup> Diodorus Siculus. l. 5. p. 327.

<sup>22</sup> Apollonius Rhod. of the *Heliadæ*. l. 4. v. 604.

<sup>23</sup> Chamfi, seu Solares, sunt Arabice Shemfi vel Shamfi.

Hyde *Religio Vet. Pers.* p. 523. and 575.



ledged to be the name of the Sun : of El-Uc-Aon, Lycaon : of El-Uc-Or, Lycorus and Lycoreus :

<sup>24</sup> Η κιθαρις, η τοξα Λυκωρεος εντεα Φοιβη.

So from Uc-Ait, another title of the God, they formed Hecatus, and a feminine, Hecate. Hence Nicander speaks of Apollo by this title :

<sup>25</sup> Εξομενος τριποδεσσι παρὰ Κλαρισις Έκατοιο.

And Herophile the Sibyl of the same Deity :

<sup>26</sup> Μοιραν εχουσ' Έκατω της τοτ' Ανακτορις.

The only person who seems knowingly to have retained this word, and to have used it out of composition, is <sup>27</sup> Homer. He had been in Egypt; and was an admirer of the theology of that nation. He adhered to ancient <sup>28</sup> terms with a degree of enthusiasm; and introduced them at all hazards, though he many times did not know their meaning. This word among others he has preserved; and he makes use of

Cham being pronounced Sham, and Shem, has caused some of his posterity to be referred to a wrong line.

<sup>24</sup> Callimachus. Hymn to Apollo. v. 19.

<sup>25</sup> Nicander Alexipharmica. v. 11.

<sup>26</sup> Pausanias. l. 10. p. 827.

<sup>27</sup> It is however to be found in Euripides under the term οχρε. Theseus says to Adrastus :

Εκ τε δ' ελαιυνεις επτα προς Θηβας Οχρε. Supplices. v. 131.

<sup>28</sup> From Uc and Uch came the word euge : also ευχη, ευχομαι, ευχωλη, of the Greeks. Callimachus abounds with ancient Amonian terms. He bids the young women of Argos to receive the Goddess Minerva,

Συι τ' ευαγορια, συι τ' ευγμασι, συι τ' αλαλυγαις.

Lavacr. Palladis. v. 139.

From Uc-El came Euclea Sacra, and Ευκλες Ζευς. Ευκλεια, Αρτεμις.

Ευκλες, Διος ιερευς, εν Μεγαροις και εν Κορινθα. Hesychius, so amended by Albertus and Hemsterhusius.



it adverbially in its proper sense, when he describes any body superlatively great, and excellent. Thus he speaks of Calchas as far superior to every body else in prophetic knowledge, and styles him *οχ' αριστος* :

<sup>29</sup> Καλχας Θεσορίδης οἰωνοπολων οχ' αριστος,

Ὅς ἤδη τὰ τ' εἶοντα, τὰ τ' εἴσομενα, πρὸ τ' εἶοντα.

So on the Trojan side Helenus is spoken of in the same light :

<sup>30</sup> Πριάμιδης Ἑλενος οἰωνοπολων οχ' αριστος.

So <sup>31</sup> Φωκῶν οχ' αριστον, <sup>32</sup> Αἰτωλῶν οχ' αριστος, and <sup>33</sup> Τυχίος—Σκυτοτομῶν οχ' αριστος.

In these and in all other instances of this term occurring in Homer, it is observable, that it is always in the same acceptation, and uniformly precedes the same word, *αριστος*. It is indeed to be found in the poetry ascribed to <sup>34</sup> Orpheus : but as those verses are manifestly imitations of Homer, we must not look upon it as a current term of the times, when

<sup>29</sup> Iliad. A. V. 69.

<sup>30</sup> Iliad. Z. V. 76.

<sup>31</sup> Iliad. P. V. 307.

<sup>32</sup> Iliad. O. V. 282.

<sup>33</sup> Iliad. H. V. 221. It occurs in other places :

Λευασει, ὅπως οχ' αριστα μετ' ἀμφοτεροισι γερηται. Iliad. Γ. V. 110.

Τις τ' ἀρ' τῶν οχ' αριστος εἶν, σὺ μοι ἐννεπε, Μῆσα. Iliad. B. V. 761.

Also Odyss. Θ. V. 123. and Ω. V. 428.

<sup>34</sup> In the Hymn to Silenus that God is called Σιληνῶν οχ' αριστε. And in the poem de Lapidibus, the Poet speaking of heroic persons mentions their reception in heaven :

Ἀμώμητοι Διὸς οἶκοι

Χαίροντας δέξαντο θεογενεων οχ' αριστε.

Hymn 35. v. 2. and περὶ Λιθῶν. Proem. v. 14.



that poetry was composed: nor was it ever, I believe, in common use, not even in the age of Homer. It was an Amonian term, joined inseparably with another borrowed from the same people. For *αρις* was from Egypt, and Chaldea. Indeed most of the irregular degrees of comparison are from that quarter; being derived from the Sun, the great Deity of the Pagan world, and from his titles and properties. Both *αρειων* and *αρις* were from *αρης*, the Arez of the east. From Bel, and Baaltis, came *βαλτιων*, and *βαλτις*: *αμειων* is an inflection from Amon. From the God Aloeus came *λωιος*, *λωιτερος*, and *λωιος*: from *κερεν* changed to *κερας*, *κερατος*, were formed *κρεσσων*, *κρεισσων*, *κρατερος*, and *κρατις*.

## P H I.

Phi signifies a mouth; also language, and speech. It is used by the Amonians particularly for the voice and oracle of any God; and subjoined to the name of that Deity. The chief oracle in the first ages was that of Ham, who was worshiped as the Sun, and stiled El, and Or. Hence these oracles are in consequence called Amphi, Omphi, Alphi, Elphi, Urphi, Orphi. It is made to signify, in the book of <sup>35</sup> Genesis, the voice, or command of Pharaoh. From Phi in this acceptation came *φημι*, *φημη*, *φημις*, *φασκω*, *φατις*, fama, fari,—ita farier infit. I imagine that the term Pharaoh itself is compounded of Phi-Ourah, Vox Ori, five Dei. It was no unusual thing among the ancients to call the words of their

<sup>35</sup> Genesis. c. 45. v. 21.



prince the voice of God. Josephus informs us that it signified a king : <sup>36</sup> 'Ο Φαραων παρ' Αιγυπτίοις βασιλεα σημαίνει : and Ouro in the Copto-Arabic Onomasticon is said to signify the same : but I should think, that this was only a secondary acceptation of the original term.

Phi is also used for any opening or cavity : whence we find the head of a fountain often denominated from it ; at least the place, whence the fountain issued forth, or where it lost itself. And as all streams were sacred, and all cavities in the earth looked upon with a religious horror, the Amonians called them Phi-El, Phi-Ainon, Phi-Anes ; rendered by the Greeks Phiale, Phænon, Phanes, Phaneas, Paneas. The chief fountain of the river Jordan lost itself underground, and rose again at some miles distance. It sunk at Phiale, and rose again at <sup>37</sup> Paneas. Pliny speaks of a place of this sort at <sup>38</sup> Memphis, called Phiala ; and, as he imagines, from its figure : but it was undoubtedly a covert aquæduct, by which some branch of the river was carried. The Nile itself is said to be lost underground near its fountains ; and that place also was called Phiala. <sup>39</sup> Phialam appellari fontem ejus, mergique in cuniculos ipsum amnem. There was also a fountain of this name at <sup>40</sup> Constantinople. Sometimes it occurs without the aspirate, as in Pella, a city of Palestine,

<sup>36</sup> Josephus. Antiq. Jud. L. 8. c. 6.

<sup>37</sup> See Relandi Palæstina. Vol. 1. c. 41. p. 265.

<sup>38</sup> Plin. L. 8. c. 46.

<sup>39</sup> Plin. L. 5. c. 9.

<sup>40</sup> Ευρυτάτη φιαλη τις ιασηπιδος εκτομος ακρης.

Paulus Silentarius. Part. 11. v. 177. See Relandus above.



named undoubtedly from its fountains: for Pliny calls it *Pellam aquis* <sup>41</sup> *divitem*.

Mines were held sacred; and like fountains were denominated from *Ænon*, and *Hanes*, those titles of the Sun. In Arabia near Petra was a mine, worked by condemned persons, which was named <sup>42</sup> *Phinon*, and *Phænon*. Epiphanius mentions <sup>43</sup> *Φανησια μεταλλα*, or the mines of *Hanes*; to which Meletius a bishop of the Thebais was condemned.

### A I.

*Ai*, and *Aia*, signifies a district or province; and as most provinces in Egypt were insular, it is often taken for an island. In other parts it was of much the same purport as *αία* of the Greeks, and betokened any <sup>44</sup> region or country. It was from hence, that so many places have been represented by the Greeks as plurals, and are found to terminate in *ai*; such as *Athenai*, *Thebai*, *Pherai*, *Patrai*, *Amyclai*, *Therapnai*, *Clazomenai*, *Celænai*. There are others in *eia*; as *Chæroneia*, *Coroneia*, *Eleia*. In others it was rendered short; as in *Oropia*, *Ellopi*a, *Ortygia*, *Olympia*, *Æthiopia*, *Scythia*, *Cænia*, *Icaria*. It is likewise found expressed by a single letter, and still subjoined to the proper name: hence we meet with *Ætna*, *Arbela*, *Larissa*, *Roma*, *Himera*, *Hemera*, *Nusa*,

<sup>41</sup> Plin. L. 5. c. 18.

<sup>42</sup> Athanasii Epist. ad solitariam vitam agentes. P. 658.

<sup>43</sup> Epiphanius adversus Hæres. L. 2. tom. 2. p. 719.

<sup>44</sup> See the learned Professor Michaelis in his *Geographia Extera Hebræor.* P. 134, 135.



Nyssa, Patara, Arena, <sup>45</sup> Cabasa, and the like. We may from hence prove, and from innumerable other instances, that among the people of the east, as well as among other nations, the word in regimine was often final. Thus the land of Ion was termed Ionia: that of Babylon, Babylonia: from Assur came Assyria: from Ind, India: from Lud, Ludia: in all which the region is specified by the termination. To say Lydia tellus, Assyria tellus, is in reality <sup>46</sup> redundant. In the name of Egypt this term preceded, that country being stiled Ai-Gupt, Αἰγυπτος, the land of the Gupti, called afterwards Cupti, and Copti.

#### COMMON NAMES RELATING TO PLACES.

As to the common names, which are found combined with additional terms, in order to denote the nature and situation of places; they are for the most part similar to those in the ancient Chaldaic, and admit of little variation.

Air is a city: often expressed Ar, and Ara. Hence Arachofia, Arachotus, Aracynthus, Arambis, Aramatha (Ar-Ham-aith) Archile, Arzilla, Arthedon: all which were cities, or else regions denominated from them.

Kir, Caer, Kiriath, are words of the like purport. We

<sup>45</sup> The Ionians changed this termination into *r*. Hence Arene, Camissene, Cyrene, Arface, Same, Capissene, Thebe, &c.

<sup>46</sup> Colchis was called Aia simply, and by way of eminence: and probably Egypt had the same name, for the Colchians were from Egypt. Strabo mentions *Ιασονος πλεον τον εις Αιαν*, l. i. p. 38. and Apollonius stiles the country of Colchis Aia.

*Αια γεμην επι νυν μενει εμπεδον, υιωνοιτε*

*Των δ' ανδρων, ες ος γε καθισατο ναιεμεν Αιαν*. l. 4. v. 277.



read in the Scriptures of Kiriath Sepher, Kiriath Arba, Kiriath Jearim. It was in some parts pronounced Kirtha, and Cartha. Melicartus, the Hercules of the Phenicians and Cretans, was properly Melech-Carta, the Deity of the place. The city of Tigranes in Armenia was called Tigranocerta. One name of Carthage was *Καρχηδών*, from Car-Chadon, the same as Adon. It was also called Carthada from Cartha-Ada, the city of the queen or Goddess, who was by the Romans supposed to be Juno, but was properly the Amonian Elifa. Caer among many ancient nations signified a city, or fortress; as we may learn from the places called Carteia, Carnaim, Caronium, Caroura, Carambis. Among the Britons were of old places exactly analagous, such as Caerlisle, Caerdiff, Caerphilly, Caernarvon, and Caeruriah in Cornwall.

Kir and Caer are the same term differently expressed. In Scripture we meet with Kir Haresh, and Kir-Harefeth. Isaiah. c. 16. v. 7. and v. 11. and Kir Moab, c. 15. v. 1. and Kir Heres, of the same purport as Kir Haresh, is mentioned by Jeremiah, c. 48. v. 31. Upon the Euphrates was Cercusium, and Carchemish. In Cyprus was Kironia, rendered *Κερωνία* by <sup>47</sup> Ptolemy; whose true name was Kir-On, the city of the Sun; where was a temple to Our-Ain, stiled Urania. Kir-On was often rendered Cironis, Coronis; and the Deity Coronus and <sup>48</sup> Cronus. By these means the place was substituted for the Deity, and made an object of worship. Of this abuse I shall often speak. Arte-

<sup>47</sup> Lib. 5. c. 14.

<sup>48</sup> Coronus is to be met with in Greece. He is mentioned as a king of the Lapithæ, and the son of Phoroneus: and placed near mount Olympus.

—Ὀν ἐξασίλευσε Κορωνία, ὁ φορωνεως. Diodorus. l. 4. p. 242.



mis was properly a city, Ar-Themis, the same as Thamuz of Egypt. What was called Artemis, and Artemisium, was in some places reversed, and expressed by Kir subjoined: hence Themiscir, and Themiscura in Pontus.

Col, Cal, Calah, Calach, signify properly an eminence, like the Collis of the Romans: but are often used for a fortress so situated. We sometimes meet with a place stiled absolute Calah: but the term is generally used in composition, as Cala Nechus, Cala-Anac, Cala-Chan, Cala-On, Cala-Es, Cala-Ait, Cala-Ur, Cala-Ope, Cala-Ham, Cala-Amon, Calal-Adon: whence came the names of people and places stiled <sup>49</sup> Callinicus, Calachene, <sup>50</sup> Colonæ, Cales, Calathe, Calistæ, Calathusa, Calauria, Colorina, Caliope, Calama, Calamos, <sup>51</sup> Calamon, Calymna, Calydnus, Calycadnus; all which were places in Phrygia, Bithynia, Assyria, Libya, denominated from their situation and worship.

Comah is used for a wall: but seems to be sometimes taken for those sacred inclosures, wherein they had their Puratheia: and particularly for the sacred mount, which stood in those inclosures. From Comah came the Greek χωμα, a round hill or mound of earth; called also Taph and ταφος; and thence often mistaken for a tomb: but it was originally a high altar.

<sup>49</sup> Upon the Euphrates.

<sup>50</sup> A city in Parthia.

<sup>51</sup> Calamon or Cal-Amon, was a hill in Judea; which had this name given to it by the Canaanites of old. Cyril mentions—*αφικομενοι τινες απο τη ΟΡΟΥΣ Καλαμωνος*.—in *epistolâ ad Calosyrium*.



By Gib is meant an hill. Gibeon was the hill of the Sun: said to be famous for its springs. Gibethon is a compound of Gib-Ethon or Ath-On, titles of the same Deity. Nadab the son of Jeroboam was slain by Baasha at Gibethon of the <sup>52</sup> Philistines.

Har and Hor signify a mountain; *ορος* of the Greeks.

Tin seems to have signified a sacred place, for sacrifice; a kind of high altar. The Greeks generally expressed it in composition, *Τις*: hence we read of Opheltis, Altis, Baaltis, Abantis, Abfyrdis. It was in use among the ancient Hetru-rians and other nations: hence came the terms Aventinus, Palatinus, <sup>53</sup> Numantinus, &c. It seems to be the same as Tan in the east, which occurs continually in composition, as in Indos-tan, Mogolis-tan, Pharfis-tan, Chufis-tan.

Tor is an hill or tower. Many places in Greece had it in their composition; such as Torone, Torete, Toreate: also in Hetruria, Torchonium. Turzon in Africa was a tower of the <sup>54</sup> Sun. It was sometimes expressed Tar, hence Tar-cunia, Taracena, Tarracon in Spain, Tarne (Tar-ain) which gave name to a fountain in Lydia; Taron (Tar-On) in Mauritania. Towers of old were either Prutaneia, or light-houses, and were stiled Tor-Is: whence came the Turris of the Romans. Sometimes these terms were reversed, and the tower was called Astur. Such a one was near some hot

<sup>52</sup> 1 Kings. c. 15. v. 27.

<sup>53</sup> In Canaan was a well known region called Palæstine.

So Tan-agra, Tan-is, Tyndaris.

Tin in some languages signified, mud, or soil.

<sup>54</sup> Ptolemy. l. 4. p. 112.



streams at no great distance from Cicero's Villa. It is thus described by Plutarch : *Ασυρα—χωριον παραλιον Κικερωνος*. The river too was called Astura. There was also a place of this name opposite to the island Lesbos, undoubtedly denominated from the like circumstances in its situation ; as may be learned from Pausanias, who had seen it. *Υδωρ δε απο πηγων ανερχομενον μελαν ιδων οίδα εν Ασυροις ταδε Ασυρα απαντικρυ εσι Λεσβια λουτρα εσι θερμα εν τω Αταρνει καλουμενω*.

Caph, Cap, and Cephas, signify a rock ; and also any promontory or headland. As temples used to be built upon eminences of this sort ; we find this word often compounded with the titles of the Deity there worshiped, as Caph-El, Caph-El-On, Caph-Aur, Caph-Arez, Caph-Is, Caph-Is-Ain, Caph-Ait ; whence came Cephale, Cephalonia, Caphareus, Capisa, Cephifus, Capiffene, Cephene, Caphyataë, Capatiani. In Iberia was a wonderful edifice upon the river Boëtis, mentioned by Strabo, and called Turris Capionis. It was a Pharos, dedicated, as all such buildings were, to the Sun : hence it was named Cap-Eon, Petra Solis. It seems to have been a marvellous structure. Places of this sort, which had towers upon them, were called Caphtor. Such a one was in Egypt, or in its <sup>55</sup> vicinity : whence the Caphtorim had their name. It was probably near <sup>56</sup> Pelusium, which they quitted very early for the land of Canaan.

Diu sometimes, but sparingly, occurs for an island ; and is

<sup>55</sup> See Amos. c. 9. v. 7.

<sup>56</sup> Jeremiah. c. 47. v. 4. speaks of the island of Caphtor in Egypt.



generally by the Greeks changed to Dia, Δία. The purport of it may be proved from its being uniformly adapted to the same object. The Scholiast upon Theocritus takes notice that the island Naxos was called Dia: <sup>57</sup> Δίαν τὴν νῦν καλεσμένην Νάξον; and he adds, πολλαὶ δὲ καὶ ἕτεραι εἰσὶ νῆσοι Δίαι καλεσμέναι, ἥτε πρὸς τῆς Κρήτης—καὶ ἡ περὶ Μήλον, καὶ ἡ περὶ Ἀμοργόν, καὶ ἡ τῆς Κέω χερσόνησος, καὶ ἡ Πελοποννήσος. All these were islands, or peninsular regions.

## B E T H.

Beth is a house or temple; as in <sup>58</sup> Beth-El, Bèth-Dagon, Beth-Shemesh, Beth-Oron, or Beth-Or-On, &c. &c. It is sometimes subjoined, as in Phar-beth, and Elisa-beth; the latter of which is the house of <sup>59</sup> Elisa, the same as Elusa of Idume, and Eleusa of Egypt. Beth was in different countries expressed Bat, Bad, Abad. Hence we meet at this day with Pharsabad, Astrabad, Amenabad, Moustafabad, Iahenabad in Persia, India, and other parts of the east. Balbec in Syria is supposed to be the same as Balbeth, the temple of Bal, or the Sun. *There are, says* <sup>60</sup> Dr. Pocock, *many cities in*

<sup>57</sup> Theocritus. Idyll. 2. v. 45. Scholia.

It is still common in the Arabian Gulf, and in India; and is often expressed Dive, and Diva; as in Lacdive, Serandive, Maldive. Before Goa is an island called Diu κατ' ἐξοχὴν.

<sup>58</sup> Βαίθηλ, οἶκος Θεῶ. Hesychius.

Βαίθηλ, θεῖος ναός. Suidas.

<sup>59</sup> Elisa, called Eliza, Elefa, Eleasa, Ελεασα. 1 Maccab. c. 9. v. 5. and c. 7. v. 40. often contracted Lesa, Lasa, &c.

<sup>60</sup> Pocock's Travels. Vol. 2. p. 106.



*Syria, that retain their ancient names. Of this Balbeck, or rather Balbeit, is an instance; which signifies the house or temple of Baal.* Gulielmus Tyrius, so called from being bishop of Tyre, who wrote of the Holy war, alludes to Baalbec, under the name of <sup>61</sup> Balbeth. He lived in the eleventh century, and died anno 1127. According to Iablonsky, Bec and Beth are of the same meaning. Atarbec in Egypt is the temple of Atar or Athar; called Atarbechis by <sup>62</sup> Herodotus. The same is Athyr-bet, and stiled Athribites (Αθρειβιτης) by <sup>63</sup> Strabo. The inner recess of a temple is by Phavorinus and Hesychius called Βαιτης, Βετης, Βετις, similar to בית among the Chaldeans. It was the crypta or sacred place, where of old the everlasting fire was preserved. Hesychius observes, Βετης, το αποκρυφον μέρος τῆς Ἱερῆς. Bet-Is signifies the place of fire.

It is said of Horapollo by Suidas, that he was a native of Phainubuth in Egypt, belonging to the nome of Panopolis: Ὁραπολλων Φαινυβυθως κωμης τῆς Πανοπολιτῆς Νομῆς. Phainubuth is only Phainabeth varied, and signifies the place sacred to Phanes; which was one of the most ancient titles of the Deity in Egypt. So Pharbeth was an abbreviation of Pharabeth, or the house of Pharaoh.

G A U, expressed C A U, C A, and C O.

Gau likewise is a term which signifies a house; as we learn

<sup>61</sup> Iablonsky. Vol. 1. l. 1. c. 1. p. 4. de Gulielmo Tyrio, ex libro 21. c. 6.

<sup>62</sup> Herodorus. L. 2. c. 41.

<sup>63</sup> Strabo. L. 17. p. 1167.



from Plutarch. The great and decisive battle between Alexander and Darius is generally said to have been fought at Arbela. But we are assured by this writer, that it was decided at Gaugamela<sup>64</sup>. He says, that Gau signified in the language of the country a house: and that the purport of the word Gaugamela was the house of a camel. This name, it seems, was given to the town on account of a tribute exacted for the maintenance of a camel, which had saved the life of some king, when he fled from battle: and the reason why the victory of Alexander was adjudged to Arbela, arose from its being more famous than the other place: for Gaugamela was not of sufficient repute: therefore the honour of this victory was given to Arbela, though it was according to some five hundred, according to others six hundred stadia<sup>65</sup> from the field of battle. I have not now time, nor is it to my purpose, to enter into a thorough discussion of this point: I will only mention it as my opinion, that Arbela and Gaugamela were the same place. The king alluded to is said by<sup>66</sup> Strabo to have been Darius the son of Hytaspes. But is it credible, that so great a prince, who had horses of the fa-

<sup>64</sup> Ταῦτα μὲν οὖν Ἐρατοδωρὲς ἱστορεῖ· τὴν δὲ μεγάλην μάχην πρὸς Δαρεῖον οὐκ ἐν Ἀρβηλοῖς—ἀλλὰ ἐν Γαυγαμηλοῖς γενέσθαι· συνεπέσειν δὲ φασὶν οἶκον Καμηλῆ τὴν διαλεκτόν. Plutarch. vita Alexand. Vol. 1. p. 683.

Strabo says the same. Ἐστὶ μὲν οὖν τόπος ἐπίσημος ἔτος, καὶ τὸ ὄνομα μεθερμηνεύθεν γὰρ ἐστὶ Καμηλῆ οἶκος. L. 16. p. 1072.

<sup>65</sup> Οἱ μὲν τὰ πλεῖστα συγγραψάντες λεγούσιν, ὅτι ἑξακοσίαις σταδίαις ἀπέχει· οἱ δὲ τὰ ἐλαχίστα, ὅτι ἐς πεντακοσίας.

Ἀλλὰ ἐν Γαυγαμηλοῖς γὰρ γενέσθαι τὴν μάχην πρὸς τῷ ποταμῷ Βαμαδῷ λέγει Πτολεμαῖος καὶ Ἀριστοβῆλος· πόλις δὲ ἦν τὰ Γαυγαμηλα, ἀλλὰ καμὴ μεγάλη, ἔδε ὀνομαστὸς ὁ χώρος, ἔδε εἰς ἀκὴν ἦδ' ὁ τοῦ ὀνόματος.

Arrian. Expedit. Alex. L. 6. p. 247.

<sup>66</sup> Strabo. L. 16. p. 1072.



mous breed of Nyfa, as well as those of Persis and Arabia, the most fleet of their kind, should be so circumstanced in battle, as to be forced to mount a camel, that could scarce move six miles in an hour: and this at a time when the greatest dispatch was necessary? This author gives a different reason for the place being thus denominated. He says, that it was allotted for the maintenance of a camel, which used to bring the king's provisions from Scythia, but was tired and failed upon the road. I know not which of the two circumstances in this short detail is most exceptionable; a king of Persia's provisions being brought to Babylon, or Sushan from Scythia; or a tired camel having such a pension. The truth is this: the Grecians misinterpreted the name, and then forged these legendary stories to support their <sup>67</sup> mistake. Had they understood the term, they would have been consistent in their history. Gau, and, as it was at times expressed, Cau, certainly signifies a house, or temple: also a cave, or hollow; near which the temple of the Deity was founded. For the Amonians erected most of their sacred edifices near caverns, and deep openings of the earth. Gaugamela was not the house of a camel, as Plutarch and Strabo would persuade us, notwithstanding the stories alledged in support of the notion: but it was the house and temple of Cam-El, the Deity of the country. Arbela was a place sacred to Bel, called Arbel, ארבל of the Chaldeans. It was

<sup>67</sup> Strabo acknowledges the failure of his countrymen in this respect.—Πολλὰ μὲν οὖν καὶ μὴ οὐτὰ λεγέσθιν ὅτι Ἀρχαῖοι Συγγρηγῆς, συντεθραμμένοι τῇ ψευδεὶ διατῆς μυθολογίας. l. 8. p. 524.



the same as Beth Arbel of <sup>68</sup> Hosea: and Gaugamela is of the same purport, relating to the same God under different titles. The Grecians were grossly ignorant in respect to foreign events, as Strabo repeatedly confesses: and other writers do not scruple to own it. Lyfimachus had been an attendant upon Alexander during the whole series of his conquests in Asia: there had been nothing of moment transacted; in the success of which he had not partaken. Yet even in his days, when he was king of Thrace, the accounts of those great actions had been so misrepresented, that when a history of them was read in his presence, they seemed quite new to him. It is all very fine, says the prince; but where was I when all this happened? There was a series of events exhibited, with which the person most interested was least acquainted. We may then well imagine, that there existed in the time of Plutarch many mistakes, both in respect to the geography of countries very remote, and to the <sup>69</sup> language of nations, with whom the Romans were little acquainted. The great battle, of which we have been speaking, was confessedly

<sup>68</sup> *All thy fortresses shall be spoiled, as Shalman spoiled Beth-Arbel in the day of battle. The mother was dashed in pieces upon her children.* Hosea. c. 10. v. 14. *Ar* in this place does not signify a city; but *אל*, the title of the Deity: from whence was derived *ἱερός* of the Greeks. The seventy, according to some of their best copies, have rendered Beth Arbel *οικον ἱερο-Βααλ*, which is no improper version of Beth-Aur-Bel. In some copies we find it altered to the house of *Jeroboam*; but this is a mistake for Jero-Baal. Arbelus is by some represented as the first deified mortal. Cyril contra Julian. l. i. p. 10. and l. 3. p. 110.

There was an Arbela in Sicily. Stephanus, and Suidas. Also in Galilee; situated upon a vast cavern. Josephus seized and fortified it. Josephi Vita. p. 29.

<sup>69</sup> See Strabo. l. 11. p. 774. l. 15. p. 1006. l. 1. p. 41. p. 81.

See also PhiloBiblius apud Euseb. P. E. l. 1. c. 10. p. 34. Iamblichus. § 7. c. 5. fought



fought at Gaugamela. Ptolemy Ceraunus, who was present, averred it; as did Aristobulus: and it has been recorded by Plutarch and others. It is also adjudged to Arbela by persons of equal credit: and it must certainly have been really there transacted: for notwithstanding the palliating excuse of Plutarch, it is utterly incredible in respect to so great a victory, that the scene of action should be determined by this place, if it were sixty, or, as some say, seventy miles out of the way. But in reality it was at no such distance. Diodorus Siculus says, that Alexander immediately after the victory attacked Arbela, and took it: and found in it many evidences of its being a place of consequence. <sup>70</sup> Θάψας τῆς τετελευτηκότας ἐπέβαλε τοῖς Ἀρβηλοῖς, καὶ πολλὴν μὲν εὗρεν ἀφθονίαν τῆς τροφῆς, οὐκ ὀλίγον δὲ κόσμον, καὶ γὰζαν βαρβαρικήν, ἀργυρίῃ δὲ τάλαντα δισχίλια. The battle was fought so near the city, that Alexander was afraid of some contagion from the dead bodies of the enemy, which lay close by it in great abundance.

I have mentioned, that Gaugamela was the temple of Cham-El, or Cham-Il. This was a title of the Deity brought from Chaldea to Egypt; and from thence to Greece, Etruria, and other regions. The Greeks out of different titles, and combinations, formed various Deities; and then invented different degrees of relation, which they supposed to have subsisted between them. According to Acusilaus Cham-Il was the Son of Vulcan, and Cabeira. <sup>71</sup> Ἀκυσίλαος δὲ ὁ Ἀργεῖος ἐκ Καβείρης καὶ Ἡφαίστου Καμίλον λεγεί. He was by others ren-

<sup>70</sup> Diodorus Siculus. l. 17. p. 538. He makes no mention of Gaugamela.

<sup>71</sup> Strabo, l. 10. p. 724.



dered Camillus, whose attendants were the Camilli ; and he was esteemed the same as Hermes of Egypt. <sup>72</sup> Statius Tullianus de vocabulis rerum libro primo ait dixisse Callimachum, Tuscos Camillum appellare Mercurium, &c. Romani quoque pueros et puellas nobiles et investes Camillos et Camillas appellant, Flaminicarum et Flaminum præministros. Servius speaks to the same purpose. <sup>73</sup> Mercurius Hetruscâ linguâ Camillus dicitur. The reason of the attendants being also called Camilli was in consequence of a custom among the ancients of conferring generally upon the priests the title of the Deity, whom they served. The Camilli were commonly young persons of good family, as we learn from Plutarch ; and were to be found in the temples of Jupiter, or Zeus : for Zeus and Hermes were originally the same : <sup>74</sup> *Και τον ὑπηρέτηντα τῷ Ἱερω τὸ Διὸς ἀμφιθάλη παιδὰ λεγέσθαι Καμιλλόν, ὡς καὶ τον Ἑρμῆν ἔτιωσ ἐνίοι τῶν Ἑλλήνων Καμιλλόν ἀπο τῆς διακονίας προσηγορευόν.* He mentions Ἑρμῆν—Καμιλλόν ἀπο τῆς διακονίας, and supposes that Camillus had the name of Hermes from the similarity of his office, which was waiting upon the Gods. But the Chaldeans and Egyptians from whom these titles were borrowed, esteemed Hermes as the chief Deity, the same as Zeus, Bel, and Adon. They knew nothing of Mercurius pedisequus, nor Hermes the lacky. They stiled their chief God Cam-Il, or Camillus, and his priests had the same title. He did not borrow it from them ; but they received it from him. The name is sometimes expressed

<sup>72</sup> Macrobius. Saturn. l. 3. c. 8. p. 284.

<sup>73</sup> Servius in lib. 1.1. Æneid. v. 558.

<sup>74</sup> Plutarch in Numâ. p. 64.



Camulus : and the Amonians, who travelled westward, brought his rites and worship into the western parts of Europe : hence there are inscriptions to be found inscribed<sup>75</sup> Camulo Sancto Fortissimo. He was sometimes taken for Mars : as we may learn from an inscription in Gruter.

<sup>76</sup> MARTI CAMULO

Ob Salutem Tiberi Claud: Cæs. Cives Remi posuerunt.

Such is the history of this Deity ; whose worship was better known in the more early ages ; and whose temple was stiled Gau-Camel, by the Greeks rendered Gaugamela. I make no doubt but that Arbela was the same place : for places had as many names as the Deity worshiped had titles. Arbela was probably the city, and Gaugamela the<sup>77</sup> temple ; both sacred to the same Deity under different names.

It is remarkable that Syncellus, speaking of Venephres King of Egypt, says, that he built the pyramids of<sup>78</sup> Co-chone ; which are the principal pyramids of that country. Eusebius before him had taken notice of the same history :<sup>79</sup> Ουενεφρης, εφ' ου ο λιμος κατεσχε την χωραν, ος και τας Πυραμιδας περι Κοχωνην ηγειρεν. *Venephres was a prince, in whose time happened a famine in the land of Egypt. He was the same, who built the Pyramids about Cochine.* Now Co-Chone, analogous to Beth-El, Beth-Shan, Beth-Dagon, signifies the temple of the Deity ; the house of the great king,

<sup>75</sup> Gruter. P. lvi. n. 11. vol. 1.

<sup>76</sup> Gruter. Vol. 1. P. lvi. 12. also P. xl. 9.

<sup>77</sup> Or else Beth-Arbel was another name of the same temple.

<sup>78</sup> Syncellus. P. 55.

<sup>79</sup> Eusebii Chron. P. 14.



or ruler : for such is the purport of Con, and Conah. Hercules, the chief Deity of Tyre, and who was also highly revered in Egypt, was stiled Con. <sup>80</sup> Τον Ἡρακλην φησι κατα την Αιγυπτίων διαλεκτον Κωνα λεγεσθαι. From hence we find, that it was a sacred Egyptian title. According to some readings the place is expressed Cocome ; which is of the same purport. Co-Chome, the same as Cau-Come, signifies the house of Chom, or the Sun ; and seems to betray the purpose, for which the chief pyramid was erected : for it was undoubtedly nothing else but a monument to the Deity, whose name it bore. According to <sup>81</sup> Herodotus the great pyramid was built by Cheops ; whom others called Chaops. But Chaops is a similar compound ; being made up of the terms Cha-Ops, and signifies οἶκος Πυθωνος, domus Opis Serpentis. It was the name of the pyramid, which was erected to the Sun, the Ophite Deity of Egypt, worshiped under the symbol of a serpent. Analogous to Cau-Come in Egypt was a place in Ethiopia, called <sup>82</sup> Cuscha : doubtless so named from Chus, the great ancestor, from whom the Ethiopians were descended.

The Sun was stiled by the Amonians, among other titles, Zan ; as I have before shewn : and he was worshiped under this denomination all over Syria, and Mesopotamia ; especially at Emesa, Edeffa, and Heliopolis. One region was named Gauzanitis from a city Gauzan, the Gofan of the <sup>83</sup> Scrip-

<sup>80</sup> Etymologicum magnum. Ἡρακλῆς.

<sup>81</sup> Herodotus. L. 2. c. 124.

<sup>82</sup> Geog. Nubiensis. P. 17.

Michaelis Geog. Hebræorum Extera. P. 154.

<sup>83</sup> 2 Kings. c. 17. v. 6. and c. 18. v. 11. also 1 Chron. c. 5. v. 26.



tures. Strabo calls it <sup>84</sup> Χαζηνη, Cha-Zene, and places it near Adiabene. Gauzan, or Go-zan, is literally the house of the Sun. I once thought that the land of Goshen in Egypt was of the same purport as Cusshan; and have so mentioned it in a former <sup>85</sup> treatise. So far is true: the land of Goshen was the land of Cusshan, and possessed by the sons of Chus: but the two terms are not of the same meaning. Goshen, or Goshan, like Gauzan in Mesopotamia, signifies the temple of the Sun: hence it was as a city rendered by the Greeks Heliopolis. Artapanus, as we learn from Eusebius, expresses it Caïsan, Καϊσαν. Go-Shan, Gau-Zan, Caïsan, Cazena, all denote a place sacred to the Sun; and are such variations in rendering the same term, as must be expected in an interval of fifteen hundred years, and from different transcribers. This luminary was also called Abor, the parent of light; and his temple Cha-Abor, and Cho-Abor, contracted Chabor, and Chobar. Of this name both a city and river were to be found in Gauzanitis; as well as in Sufiana, and other parts: for rivers often took their names from some temple, or city, by which they ran. The temple at Dodona was of old called Cha-On, or house of the Sun; as we may infer from the country having the name of Chaonia: for Chaonia is the land of Chaon. The priests and inhabitants were called <sup>86</sup> Chaones from their place of worship: and the former had also the name <sup>87</sup> of Selli, which sig-

<sup>84</sup> Strabo. L. 16. p. 1070.

<sup>85</sup> Observations upon the Ancient History of Egypt. P. 175.

<sup>86</sup> Strabo. L. 7. p. 505. So also Herodotus and Pausanias.

<sup>87</sup> Σελλοι, ὡς Δωδωναιοι. Steph. Byzantinus.

αμφὶ δὲ Σελλοι

Σοι ναῖσ' ὑποφνηται. Homer. Iliad. Π. v. 234.



nifies the priests of the Sun. In Arcadia, near the eruption of the river Erasinus, was a mountain, clothed with beautiful trees, and sacred to Dionusus. This also was called<sup>88</sup> Chaon, *the place of the Sun*; and was undoubtedly so named from the ancient worship: for Dionusus was of old esteemed the same as Osiris, the Sun. There was also a place called<sup>89</sup> Chaon in Media, and Syria; Chaonitis in Mesopotamia; and in all these places the same worship prevailed. So Caballis, the city of the Solymi, was named from Ca-bal, the place of the god Bal, or Baal. It is mentioned by Strabo. In like manner Caballion, in Gallia Narbonensis, is a compound of Ca-Abelion, a well known Deity, whose name is made up of titles of the Sun. The priests of this place were stiled<sup>90</sup> Salies; the region was called Χαουαξα; undoubtedly from Cha-Our, (אור) some temple of Ur, erected by the Amonians, who here settled. Canoubis in Egypt was a compound of Ca-Noubis; Cabasa in the same country, Ca-Basa; called by many Befa, the Befeth of the Scriptures, a Goddess well known in Egypt. She had a temple in Canaan called<sup>91</sup> Beth Befa. Cuamon, near Esdraelon, is a compound of Cu-Amon, the place or house of Amon:<sup>92</sup> ἕως τῆς Κυαμῶνος. There was a temple in Attica called Cuamites; and a personage denominated from it. The history

<sup>88</sup> Pausanias. L. 2. p. 166.

<sup>89</sup> It is called Chau-On, Χαυων, by Steph. Byzantinus, from Ctesias. Χαυων, χώρα της Μηδίας. Κτησίας εν πρώτῳ Πέρσικων. Chau-On is οἶκος ἡλίου, the house of the Sun, which gave name to the district.

<sup>90</sup> Strabo. L. 4. p. 270. and p. 282.

<sup>91</sup> I Maccab. c. 9. v. 62, 64.

<sup>92</sup> Judith. c. 7. v. 3.



of the place, and the rites, in time grew obsolete ; and Pausanias supposes, that the name was given from Κυαμος, Cuyamos, a bean.<sup>94</sup> Σαφες δὲ οὐδὲν ἔχω λεγείν, εἴτε πρῶτος Κυαμος ἐσπείρεν οὗτος. *I have not authority for the supposition, but it seems probable that this temple was erected to the memory of some person, who first sowed beans.* And here it is proper to take notice of a circumstance, of which I must continually put the reader in mind ; as it is of great consequence towards decyphering the mythology of ancient times. The Grecians often mistook the place of worship for the Deity worshipped : so that the names of many Gods are in reality the names of temples where they were adored. Artemis was Ar-Temis, the city of Themis, or Thamis ; the Thamuz of Sidon and Egypt. This the Greeks expressed Ἀρτεμις, and made it the name of a Goddess. Kir-On was the city and temple of the Sun in Cyprus, and other places. They changed this to Kironus, which they contracted Cronus : and out of it made a particular God. From Cha-Opis they formed a king Cheops ; from Cayster, the same as Ca After, they fancied a hero, Caystrius ; from Cu-Bela, Cybele ; from Cu-Baba, Cybebe. Cerberus, the dog of hell, was denominated from Kir-Abor ; as I shall hereafter<sup>95</sup> shew.

I have mentioned Caucon, or Caucone in Egypt : there was a place of the same name in Greece. It was originally sacred to the Sun ; and the priests and inhabitants, were

<sup>94</sup> Pausanias. l. 1. p. 91.

<sup>95</sup> There were many places and temples of Baal, denominated Caballis, Cabali, Cabala, Cabalia, Cabalion, Cabaliffa, &c. which are mentioned by Pliny, Strabo, Antoninus, and others. Some of them were compounded of Caba : concerning which I shall hereafter treat.



called Caucones. Instead of Con, which signifies the great Lord; the Greeks substituted a hero<sup>96</sup> Caucon, who was supposed to have first introduced those Orgies, practised by the Messenians. It was properly a temple of the Sun; and there was another of the same name in Bithynia, and from thence the country was called Cauconia. I shall hereafter treat at large of Cuthite colonies, which went abroad, and settled in different parts. One of the first operations when they came on shore was to build temples, and to found cities in memory of their principal ancestors, who in process of time were worshipped as Deities. A colony of this people settled at Colchis, which they called Cutaia<sup>97</sup>, from the head of their family, stiled both Chus and Cuth. We may infer, that they built a temple which was called Ca-Cuta: and from which the region was also denominated: for it is certain, that it has that name at this<sup>98</sup> day. Cocutus, which we render Cocytus, was undoubtedly a temple in Egypt. It gave name to a stream, on which it stood; and which was also called the Charonian branch of the Nile, and the river Acheron. It was a foul canal, near the place of Sepulture, opposite to Memphis, and not far from Cochone. Cocutus was the temple of Cutus or Cuth: for he was so called by many of his posterity. A temple of the same was to be found in Epirus, upon a river Cocutus. Here was also a

<sup>96</sup> Pausanias. l. 4. p. 282.

Strabo mentions Caucones in Elea. l. 8. p. 531. The Caucones are also mentioned by Homer. Odyss. 7. v. 366.

Caucane in Sicily was of the same purport, mentioned by Ptolemy l. 3. c. 4.

<sup>97</sup> Apollonius Rhodius stiles it Cutais: *Κυταϊδος ἡθεα γαίης*. l. 4. v. 512.

<sup>98</sup> See De Lisle's curious map of Armenia and the adjacent parts of Albania, &c.



river Acheron, and a lake Acherusia : for a colony from Egypt settled here ; and the stream was of as foul a nature as that near Memphis. <sup>99</sup> Πει δὲ καὶ Κωκυτος ὕδωρ ἀτερ-  
πεςατον.

Juno is by Varro stiled Covella. <sup>100</sup> Dies quinque te kalo, Juno Covella ; Juno Covella, dies septem te kalo. Here, as in many instances, the place of worship is taken for the person, to whom the worship is directed. Covella is only a variation for Cou-El, or Co-El, the house or region of the Deity, and signifies heavenly. It is accordingly by Varro interpreted Urania, Οὐρανία : whence Juno Covella must be rendered Cœlestis. From the substantive, Cou-El, the Romans formed Coel, heaven ; in aftertimes expressed Coelus, and Cœlum. I say, in aftertimes : for they originally called it Co-el, and Co-il, and then contracted it to Cœl. Hence Aufonius in his Grammaticomastix mentions a passage to this purpose,

Unde Rudinus ait Divom domus altisonum Cœl : or as

<sup>99</sup> Pausanias. L. 1. p. 40.

There was a river Acheron in Elis. Strabo. L. 8. p. 530. And the same rites were observed in honour of the θεὸς μυιαγρός, that were practised in Cyrene. Clement. Cohort. P. 33.

In Pontus was a river Acheron. Ενθα δὲ καὶ προχρεαι ποταμὸς Αχερωντος εασι. Apollon. Argonaut. L. 2. v. 745. also ἀκρὰ Αχερουσία. The like to be found near Cuma in Campania : and a story of Hercules driving away flies there also. Ῥωμαῖοι δὲ ἀπομυῖν Ἡρακλεῖ (θυσί). Clementis Cohort. ibid.

<sup>100</sup> Varro de Ling. Lat. Lib. 5. p. 49. altered to Novella by some, contrary to the authority of the best MSS. See Scaliger's notes. P. 81. Edit. anno 1619. Dordrecht.

See Selden de Diis Syris. Syntag. 2. c. 2. p. 174. In vetustioribus excusis de Re Rusticâ non Novella, sed Covella legitur. Covella autem Cœlestis, sive Urania interpretatur.



Ennius, to whom he alludes, has rendered it, according to the present MSS, *altisonum* <sup>1</sup> Coil. He sometimes subjoins the Latine termination :

Coilum prospexit stellis fulgentibus aptum.

Olim de Coilo laivum dedit inclytus signum.

Saturnus, quem Coilus genuvit.

Unus erit, quem tu tollas in Coirila Coili.

Templa.

Cœlus in aftertimes was made a Deity : hence there are inscriptions dedicated <sup>2</sup> Cœlo Æterno. The ancient Deity Celeus, mentioned by <sup>3</sup> Athenagoras, and said to have been worshiped at Athens, was the same as the above.

Many places and regions, held sacred, and called Coel by the Amonians, were by the Greeks rendered *κοιλα*, cava. Hence we read of *Κοιλη Λακεδαιμων*, *Κοιλη Ηλιδ*, and the like. Syria was by them stiled *Κοιλη*, the hollow : but the true name was Coëla, the heavenly or sacred. It was so denominated from the Cuthites, who settled there, on account of the religion established. Hence it was also named Shem, and Shama ; which are terms of like purport, and fig-

<sup>1</sup> Ennii Annal. L. 1.

<sup>2</sup> The Persians worshiped Cœlus ; which is alluded to by Herodotus, when he says, that they sacrificed upon eminences : *Τον κυκλον παντα τε Ουρανὸν Δία καλεοντες*. L. 1. c. 131. To the same purpose Euripides ;

*Ὅρας τον ὑψὺ τον δ' ἀπειρον αἰθερα,*

*Τον γην περιξ̄ εχονθ' ὕγραις εν ἀγκυλαις ;*

*Τετον νομιζε Ζηνα, τον δ' ἥγου Δία.*

Clement. Alexand. Strom. L. 5. p. 717. Plutarch. P. 369. p. 424.

Aspice hoc sublime candens, quem invocant omnes Jovem. Cicero de Naturâ Deor. L. 1.

<sup>3</sup> ΑΛΛ' Αθηναιοι μεν Κελεον, και Μεγ αειραν ιδρυνται Θεες. Athenag. Legat. P. 290.



nify divine, or heavenly. It is a name, which it retains at this day; as we are informed by <sup>4</sup> Abulfeda, and others. Elis Coela was the most sacred part of Greece; especially the regions of Olympia, Cauconia, and Azania. It was denominated Elis from Ηλ, Eel, the Sun: and what the Greeks rendered Κοιλη, of old meant <sup>5</sup> heavenly. Hence Homer styleth it peculiarly <sup>6</sup> Ηλῖδα διαν, *Elis the sacred*. As Coele Syria was stiled Sham, and Sama; so we find places, which have a reference to this term, in Elis. A town of great antiquity was named <sup>7</sup> Samicon, which signifies Cœli Dominus. Here was also a temple of Poseidon Samius, surrounded with a grove of olives; and there were festivals observed, which were called Samia. There was likewise of old a city named Sama, or Samos: which Strabo imagines, might have been so named from its high situation: *for high places were called* <sup>8</sup> *Samia*. It certainly signifies in some degree high; but the true meaning of Sama was heavenly, similar to Sam, Sham, Shamem, of the eastern nations. Hence Same, Samos, Samothrace, Samacon, were denominated on account of their sanctity. Strabo supposes, that the city Samos in Elis was situated in the Samian plain: it therefore could not well have this name from its high situ-

<sup>4</sup> Abulfeda. Tabula Syriæ. P. 5.

Nassir Ettufæus. P. 93. apud Geog. vet.

<sup>5</sup> The city Argos was in like manner called Κοιλον. Πολλοὶ καὶ τὸ Ἀργεὺς Κοιλον φησι, καθάπερ ἐν Ἐπιγροῖσι. Τὸ ΚΟΙΛΟΝ Ἀργεὺς ἐκ ἐτ' οὐκ ἔστιν ἐτι. — ἐτι καὶ ἐν Θάμυρα, Ἀργεὶ Κοίλω. Scholia in Sophoc. Œdipum Colon.

<sup>6</sup> Iliad. B. v. 615.

<sup>7</sup> Strabo. L. 8. p. 529.

<sup>8</sup> Strabo. L. 8. p. 534.



ation. It is moreover inconsistent to suppose regions called *κοίλα*, or cava, to have been denominated from Sama, high. In short both terms have been mistaken: and Coilus in the original acceptation certainly signified heavenly: whence we read in Hesychius, as also in Suidas, *Κοιολης, ὁ Ἰερευς*. By which we learn, that by Coioles was meant a sacred or heavenly person; in other words, a priest of Cœlus. In Coioles there is but a small variation from the original term; which was a compound from Coi-El, or Co-El, the Cœlus of the Romans.

Concerning the term Cœl in Ennius, <sup>9</sup> Janus Gulielmus takes notice, that this poet copied the Dorians in using abbreviations, and writing Cœl for Cœlus and Cœlum. But herein this learned person is mistaken. The Dorians were not so much to be blamed for their abbreviating, as the other Greeks were for their unnecessary terminations, and inflexions. The more simple the terms, the more ancient and genuine we may for the most part esteem them: and in the language of the Dorians we may perceive more terms relative to the true mythology of the country, and those rendered more similar to the ancient mode of expression, than are elsewhere to be found. We must therefore, in all etymological inquiries, have recourse to the Doric manner of pronunciation, to obtain the truth. They came into Greece, or Hellotia, under the name of Adorians; and from their simplicity of manners, and from the little intercourse maintained with foreigners, they preserved much of their ancient

<sup>9</sup> Janus Gulielmus Laurenbergius, Antiquarius.



tongue. For this there may be another additional reason obtained from Herodotus; who tells us, that they were more immediately descended from the people of the <sup>10</sup> east. The ancient hymns, sung in the Prutaneia all over Greece, were <sup>11</sup> Doric: so sacred was their dialect esteemed. Hence they cannot but afford great help in inquiries of this nature. What was by others stiled *Αθήνη*, they expressed *Αθανα*: Cheops they rendered Chaops: Zeen, Zan: *Χαζήνη*, *Χαζανα*: Μην, Μαν: Menes, Manes: Orchenoi, Orchanoi: Neith, Naith: *Ιηνισός*, *Ιανισός*: Hephæstus, Hephaestus: Caiete, Caiate: Demeter, Damater: all which will be found of great consequence in respect to etymology. And if they did not always admit of the terminations used by their neighbours; they by these means preserved many words in their primitive state: at least they were nearer to the originals. They seem to have retained the very term, of which I have been treating. It was by them stiled *Χαι*, Cai; and signified a house, or cave: for the first houses in the infancy of the world are supposed to have been caves or grottos<sup>12</sup>. They expressed it Cai, Caia, Caias, similar to the cava, cavus, and cavea of the Romans. When these places were of a great depth, or extent, they were looked upon with

<sup>10</sup> Φαινείται αν εοντες οι των Δωριεων ηγεμονες Αιγυπτιοι ιθαγενεις. Herod. L. 6. c. 54.

Of their original and history I shall hereafter give a full account.

<sup>11</sup> Όποσα δε αδουσιν εν τω Πρυτανειω, φωνη μεν εστι αυτων η Δωριος. Pausanias. L. 5. p. 416.

<sup>12</sup> Tūm primum subiere domos; domus antra fuere.

Ovid. Metamorph. L. 1. v. 121.



a kind of religious horror. A cavern of this sort was at Lacedæmon, with a building over it; of which in aftertimes they made use to confine malefactors. It was called *Καιαδης*, or as the Spartans expressed it, *Καιαδας*, the house of death.

<sup>13</sup> *Καιαδας δεσμωτηριον—το παρα Λακεδαιμονιοις*. *Cai* signified a cavern: *Adas*, which is subjoined, was the Deity, to whom it was sacred, esteemed the God of the infernal regions. He was by the Ionians, &c. expressed *Ades*, and *Hades*; and by other nations *Ait*, and *Atis*. Hence these caverns were also stiled *Καιετες*, and *Καιετοι*. The author above quoted gives us the terms variously exhibited: <sup>14</sup> *Καιετοι*.—*Οι απο των σεισμων ῥωχοι Καιετοι λεγονται. Και Καιαδας το δεσμωτηριον εντευθεν, το παρα Λακεδαιμονιοις, σπηλαιον*. Hefychius renders it in the plural, and as a neuter: *καιατα, ορυγματα*. Whether it be compounded *Cai-Ait*, *Cai-Atis*, or *Cai-Ades*, the purport is the same. The den of *Cacus* was properly a sacred cave, where *Chus* was worshiped, and the rites of fire were <sup>15</sup> practised. *Cacus* is the same name as *Cuscha* in Ethiopia, only reversed. The history of it was obsolete in the days of Virgil; yet some traces of it still remained.

Strabo says, that many people called these caves, *Κωοι*.

<sup>13</sup> Strabo. L. 8. p. 564.

It is mentioned by Thucydides: *Ες τον Καιαδαν, ὅπερ τας κακουργας εμβαλλειν ειωθεισαν (οι Λακεδαιμονιοι.)* L. I. c. 134.

It is expressed *Κεαδας* by Pausanias; who says that it was the place, down which they threw *Aristomenes*, the Messenian hero. L. 4. p. 324.

<sup>14</sup> Strabo. Ibidem.

<sup>15</sup> Huic monstro Vulcanus erat pater: illius atros

Ore vomens ignes, magna se mole ferebat. Virgil. *Æn.* L. 8. v. 193.



<sup>16</sup> *Ἐνίοι κῶους μάλλον τὰ τοιαῦτα κοίλωματα λεγέσθαι φασιν.*  
Hence he very truly explains a passage in Homer. The poet, speaking of Theseus, Dryas, Polyphemus, and other heroes of the Mythic age, mentions their encountering with the mountaineers of Theffaly; whom he stiles *φηρες ορεσχωοί*:

<sup>17</sup> *Καρτισοὶ δὴ κείνοι ἐπιχθονίων τραφέν ἀνδρῶν,  
Καρτισοὶ μὲν ἔσαν, καὶ καρτισοῖς ἐμαχόντο  
Φηρσιν ορεσχωοῖσι—*

*Ορεσχωος* signified a person, who lived in a mountain habitation: whose retreat was a house in a mountain. *Co*, and *Coa*, was the name of such house. Strabo says, that this term is alluded to by Homer, when he stiles Lacedæmon <sup>18</sup> *Λακεδαιμόνα κητῶεσσα*, *for it was by many thought to have been so called on account of the caverns.* From hence we may fairly conclude, that *κητῶεσσα* was a mistake, or at least a variation, for <sup>19</sup> *καιετῶεσσα*, from *Cai-Atis*; and that *Co*, <sup>20</sup> *Coa*, *Caia*, were of the same purport.

But this term does not relate merely to a cavern; but to temples founded near such places: oftentimes the cave itself was a temple. Caieta in Italy near Cuma, called by Diodorus *Καιήτη*, was so denominated on this account. It was

<sup>16</sup> Strabo. l. 8. p. 564.

<sup>17</sup> Iliad. l. 1. v. 266.

<sup>18</sup> Iliad. 6. v. 581.

Odyss. δ. v. 1. *‘Θιδ’ ἔξον ΚΟΙΛΗΝ Λακεδαιμόνα ΚΗΤΩΕΣΣΑΝ.*

<sup>19</sup> Strabo says as much, *‘Οιδε, ὅτι οἱ ἀπο τῶν σείσμων ρωχμοὶ Καιετοὶ λεγόνται.*  
l. 8. p. 564.

<sup>20</sup> Hence the words cove, alcove, and perhaps to cover, and to cope.



a cave in the rock, abounding with variety of subterranean, cut out into various apartments. These were of old inhabited by Amonian priests: for they settled in these parts very early. It seems to have been a wonderful work.

<sup>21</sup> *Ἀνεωγέτ' ἐντευθεν σπηλαια ὑπερμεγέθη, κατοικίας μεγάλας, καὶ πολυτελεῖς δεδεγμένα.* *In these parts were large openings in the earth, exhibiting caverns of a great extent; which afforded very ample, and superb apartments.* Diodorus informs us, that what was in his time called Caiete, had been sometimes stiled <sup>22</sup> Aiete: by which we may see, that it was a compound; and consisted of two or more terms, but these terms were not precisely applicable to the same object. Ai-Ete, or Ai-Ata, was the region of Ait, the Deity to whom it was sacred. Colchis had the same name; whence its king was called Aietes: and Egypt had the same, expressed by the Greeks <sup>23</sup> *Ἀετία*, Aetia. Aiete was the district: Caiete was the cave and temple in that district; where the Deity was worshipped.

In Bœotia was a cavern, into which the river Cephissus descended, and was lost. It afterwards emerged from this gulf,

<sup>21</sup> Strabo. l. 5. p. 356.

<sup>22</sup> *Καταδεφορμίας της Ιταλίας Αιήτην τον νυν Καιήτην προσαγορευομενον.* l. 4. p. 259.

Virgil, to give an air of truth to his narration makes Caieta the nurse of Æneas.

According to Strabo it was sometimes expressed Cai Atta; and gave name to the bay below.—*Και τον μεταξύ κόλπον εκείνοι Καιατταν ωνομασαν.* l. 5. p. 366.

<sup>23</sup> Scholia Eustathij in Dionysij περιγησιν. v. 239. and Steph. Byzantinus. *ΑΙΓΥΠΤΟΣ.*



and passed freely to the sea. The place of eruption was called An-choa, which signifies Fontis apertura. The later Greeks expressed it Anchoe<sup>24</sup>. Καλεῖται δ' ὁ τοπος Ἀγκη· ἐστὶ δὲ λίμνην ὁμωνυμος. The etymology, I flatter myself, is plain; and authenticated by the history of the place.

From Cho, and Choa, was probably derived the word Χοῖκος, used by the apostle. <sup>25</sup> Ὁ πρῶτος ἄνθρωπος ἐκ γῆς· Χοῖκος· ὁ δευτερος ἄνθρωπος ὁ Κύριος ἐξ οὐρανό. Ὅτιος ὁ Χοῖκος, καὶ τοιαῦται οἱ Χοῖκοι. Hesychius observes, Χοῖκος, πηλινος, γηινος. From hence we may perceive, that by Cho was originally meant a house or temple in the earth. It was, as I have shewn, often expressed Gau, and Go; and made to signify any house. Some nations used it in a still more extended sense; and by it denoted a town, or village, and any habitation at large. It is found in this acceptation among the ancient Celtæ, and Germans, as we learn from Cluverius. <sup>26</sup> Apud ipsos Germanos ejusmodi pagorum vernaculum vocabulum fuit Gaw; et variantibus dialectis, gāw, gew, gōw, gow, hinc — Brisgaw, Wormesgaw, Zurichgow, Turgow, Nordgaw, Andegaw, Rhingaw, Hennegow, Westergow, Oostergow. The ancient term Πυργος, Purgos, was

<sup>24</sup> Χασμα δὲ γεννηθεν—ἐδεξάτο τὸν ποταμόν—εἶτα ἐξῆρξεν εἰς τὴν ἐπιρρανεῖαν κατὰ Λαρυμνὰν τῆς Λοκρίδος τὴν ἀνω—Καλεῖται δ' ὁ τοπος Ἀγκη κτλ. Strabo. L. 9. p. 623.

It is called Anchia by Pliny. N. H. L. 4. c. 7. As both the opening, and the stream, which formed the lake, was called An-choe; it signified either fons speluncæ, or spelunca fontis, according as it was adapted.

<sup>25</sup> 1 Corinthians. c. 15. v. 47, 48.

<sup>26</sup> Cluverii Germaniæ Antiq. L. I. c. 13. p. 91.



properly Pur-Go ; and signified a light-house, or temple of fire, from the Chaldaic Pur.

### P A R T I C L E S.

Together with the words above mentioned are to be found in composition the particles Al and Pi. Al or El, for it is differently expressed in our characters, is still an Arabian prefix : but not absolutely confined to that country ; though more frequently there to be found. The Sun אור, was called Uchor by the people of Egypt and Cyrene ; which the Greeks expressed Αχωρ, Achor. He was worshiped with the same title in Arabia, and called Al Achor. <sup>27</sup> Georgius Monachus describing the idolatry, which prevailed in that country before the introduction of the present religion, mentions the idol Alachar. Many nations have both expletives and demonstratives analogous to the particle above. The pronoun Ille of the Romans is somewhat similar : as are the terms Le and La of the French : as well as Il and El in other languages. It is in composition so like to Ηλ, the name of Ἡλιος, the Sun, that it is not always easy to distinguish one from the other.

The Article Pi was in use among the ancient Egyptians, and Cuthites, as well as other nations in the east. The natives of India were at all times worshipers of the Sun ; and used to call themselves by some of his titles. Porus, with whom

<sup>27</sup> Beyer's Additamenta to Selden de Diis Syris. P. 291.

Achor near Jericho. Joshua. c. 15. v. 7.



Alexander engaged upon the Indus, was named from the chief object of his worship  $\pi\alpha$ , Pi-Or, and P'Or; rendered by the Greeks  $\Pi\omega\rho\sigma$ , Porus. Pacorus the Parthian was of the same etymology, being a compound of P'Achorus, the Achor of Egypt: as was also the <sup>28</sup> city Pacoria in Mesopotamia, mentioned by Ptolemy. Even the Grecian  $\piυρ$  was of Egyptian or Chaldaic original; and of the same composition (P'Ur) as the words above: for <sup>29</sup> Plato informs us, that  $\piυρ$ ,  $\upsilon\delta\omegaρ$ ,  $\kappaυνερ$ , were esteemed terms of foreign importation. After the race of the Egyptian kings was extinct, and that country came under the dominion of the Grecians, the natives still continued to make use of this prefix; as did other <sup>30</sup> nations, which were incorporated with them. They adapted it not only to words in their own language; but to those of other countries, of which they treated. Hence there is often to be found in their writings, <sup>31</sup>  $\Piιζευρ$ ,  $\Piιμαρ-τυρ$ ,  $\Piιμαθητης$ ,  $\piισωμα$ ,  $\piιλαορ$ , Pidux, Picurator, Pitribunus: also names of persons occur with this prefix; such as Piterus, Piturio, Pionius the martyr, also Pior, Piammon, Piambo; who are all mentioned by ecclesiastical <sup>32</sup> writers;

as

<sup>28</sup> Ptolem. Lib. 5. c. 18. p. 164.

<sup>29</sup> Plato in Cratylo. P. 410.

<sup>30</sup> See Kircher's Prodomus Copticus. P. 180. and p. 297.

<sup>31</sup> Ibidem, and Jameson's Specilegia. c. 9. § 4.

<sup>32</sup> Pionius. Euseb. Hist. Ecclesiast. L. 4. p. 173.

Pior Monachus Ægyptiacus. Socratis Hist. Eccles. P. 238.

Piammon. Sozomen. H. E. P. 259.

Piambo, or P'ambo. Socratis Eccles. H. P. 268.

It was sometimes expressed Po, as in Poëmon Abbas, in Evagrius.



as natives of that country. This article is sometimes expressed Pa : as in the name of Pachomius, an abbot in Egypt, mentioned by <sup>33</sup> Gennadius. A priest named Paapis is to be found in the Excerpta from Antonius <sup>34</sup> Diogenes in Photius. There were particular rites, stiled Pamyliia Sacra, from <sup>35</sup> Pamylen, an ancient Egyptian Deity. We may infer from Hesychius, that they were very obscene : Πααμυλης, Αιγυπτιος Θεος Πεγιαπωδης. Hades, and Pi-Ades was a common title of the Sun : and the latter in early times was current in Greece; where I hope to give ample testimony of the Amonians settling. He was termed Melech Pi-Adon, and Anac Pi-Adon : but the Greeks out of Pi-Adon formed Παιδων : for it is inconceivable, how very ignorant they were in respect to their ancient theology. Hence we read of παιδων Λητας, παιδων Ζηνος, παιδων Απολλωνος ; and legends of παιδων αθανατων ; and of παιδων, who were mere foundlings ; whose fathers could never be ascertained, though divine honours were paid to the children. This often puzzled the mythologists, who could not account for this spurious race. Plutarch makes it one of his inquiries to sift out,

In Apophthegmat. Patrum. apud Cotelerii monumenta. Tom. 1. p. 636.

Baal Peor was only Pi-Or, the Sun : as Priapus was a compound of Peor-Apis, contracted.

<sup>33</sup> Gennad. Vitæ illustrium virorum. L. 7. Pachomius, a supposed worker of many miracles.

<sup>34</sup> Antonius Diogenes in Photius. Cod. 166.

<sup>35</sup> Plutarch. Isis et Osiris. V. 1. p. 355.

Paamylen is an assemblage of common titles, Am-El-Ees with the prefix. Hence the Greeks formed Melissa, a sacred name : as of Ham El-Ait, they formed Melitta, the name of a foreign Deity, more known in Ionia than in Hellas.



<sup>36</sup> Τίς ὁ Παιδῶν ταφος παρὰ Χαλκιδεῦσι; Pausanias mentions  
<sup>37</sup> Ἀμφιλυκῆ παιδῶν βῶμος: and in another place, <sup>38</sup> Βῶ-  
μοι δὲ Θεῶν τε ὀνομαζομένων ἀγνώστων, καὶ Ἑρώων, καὶ  
ΠΑΙΔΩΝ τῆς Θησεως, καὶ Φαληγού. From this mistake arose  
so many boy-deities; among whom were even Jupiter and  
Dionysus: <sup>39</sup> Αὐτὸν τὸν Δία, καὶ τὸν Διονύσον Παιδάς, καὶ νεεός,  
ἡ θεολογία καλεῖ. *According to the theology of the Greeks even  
Jupiter and Dionysus are stiled boys, and young persons.* One  
of the most remarkable passages to this purpose is to be found  
in the antiquary above quoted; who takes notice of a cer-  
tain mysterious rite performed by the natives of Amphissa in  
Phocis. The particular Gods, to whom it was performed,  
were stiled Ἀνακτὲς παῖδες. <sup>40</sup> Ἀγούσι δὲ καὶ τελετὴν οἱ Ἀμ-  
φισσεῖς τῶν Ἀνακτῶν καλεσμένων Παιδῶν. Ὅτινες δὲ Θεῶν εἰσὶν  
οἱ Ἀνακτὲς Παῖδες, οὐ κατὰ τ' αὐτὰ εἰν εἰρημένον. *The people  
of Amphissa perform a ceremony in honour of persons, stiled  
Anactes Paides, or Royal Boys; but who these Anactes Pai-  
des were, is matter of great uncertainty.* In short the au-  
thor could not tell: nor could the priests afford him any sa-  
tisfactory information. There are many instances in Pau-

<sup>36</sup> Plutarch: Quæstiones Græcæ. v. p. 296.

<sup>37</sup> Pausanias. l. i. p. 83. Amphilucus was a title of the Sun.

<sup>38</sup> Pausanias. l. i. p. 4. in like manner, ταφοὶ τῶν Ἰφιμέδειας καὶ Ἀλωεως παιδῶν.  
Pausanias. l. 9. p. 754.

<sup>39</sup> Proclus in Platonis Parmenidem: See Orphic Fragment of Gesner. p. 406.

A twofold reason may be given for their having this character: as will be  
shewn hereafter.

<sup>40</sup> Pausanias. l. 10. p. 896. Many instances of this sort are to be found in this  
writer.



fancias of this nature : where divine honours are paid to the unknown children of fathers equally unknown.

Herodotus tells us, that, when he discoursed with the priests of Thebes about the kings, who had reigned in Egypt; they described them to him under three denominations, of Gods, of heroes, and of men. The last succeeded to those above, and were mere mortals. The manner of succession is mentioned in the following words : <sup>41</sup> Πρωμιν εκ Πρωμιος γεγονεναι—και ουτε ες θεον, ουτε ες Ηρωα αναδησαν αυτες (οι Αιγυπτιοι.) There are many strange and contradictory opinions about this <sup>42</sup> passage; which, if I do not deceive myself, is very plain; and the purport of it this. *After the fabulous accounts, there had been an uninterrupted succession of Piromis after Piromis : and the Egyptians referred none of these to the dynasties of either the Gods or Heroes, who were supposed to have first possessed the country.* From hence I think it is manifest, that Pi-romis signifies *a man*. Herodotus indeed says, that the meaning of it was καλος καγαθος, *a person of a fair and honourable character* : and so it might be taken by implication; as we say of a native of our own country, that he is a true, and staunch <sup>43</sup> Englishman : but

<sup>41</sup> Herodotus. l. 2. c. 143.

<sup>42</sup> See Reland, Differtatio Copt. p. 108.

Jablonsky Prolegomena. in Pantheon Ægyptiacum : p. 38. Also Wesselingæ. Notes on Herod. l. 2. c. 143.

<sup>43</sup> This was certainly the meaning : for Plato, speaking of the native Grecians in opposition to other nations, stiled Βαρβαροι, makes use of the very expression : Πολλη μεν η Έλλας, εφη, ω Κεβης, εν η ενεισι που αγαθοι ανδρες, πολλα δε και τα των βαρβαρων γενη. In Phædone. p. 96.



the precise meaning is plain from the context ; and Piromis certainly meant *a man*. It has this signification in the Coptic : and in the <sup>44</sup> Prodrumus Copticus of Kircher, Πρωμι, Piromi, is *a man*; and seems to imply a native. Pirem Racot is an Alexandrine, or more properly a native of Racotis called Raschid, and Rosetta. Pirem Romi, are <sup>45</sup> Romans.

By means of this prefix we may be led to understand what is meant by Paraia in the account given by Philo from Sanchoniathon: who says, that Cronus had three sons in the region of Paraia : <sup>46</sup> Εγεννηθησαν δε και εν Παραια Κρονω τρεις παιδες. Paraia is a variation of P'Ur-aia; and means literally the land of Ur in Chaldea; the region from whence ancient writers began the history of mankind. A crocodile by the Egyptians was among other names called <sup>47</sup> Σρχος: and the name is retained in the Coptic, where it is expressed <sup>48</sup> Pi-Souchi.

This prefix is sometimes expressed with an aspirate, Phi: and as that word signifies a mouth, and in a more extensive signification, speech and language, it sometimes may cause a little uncertainty about the meaning. However, in most places it is sufficiently plain. Phaethon, a much mistaken

<sup>44</sup> Kircher. Prodrumus Copticus. p. 300 and p. 293.

<sup>45</sup> Kircher. Prod. p. 293.

<sup>46</sup> Sanchoniathon apud Euseb. Præp. Evan. l. 1. c. 10. p. 37.

<sup>47</sup> Damascius: Vita Isidori, apud Photium. Cod. ccxlii.

<sup>48</sup> Jablonsky: Pantheon Egypt. v. 2. l. 5. c. 2. p. 70.



personage, was an ancient title of the Sun, a compound of Phi-Ath-On. Bacchus was called Phi-Anac by the My-fians, rendered by the poets <sup>49</sup> Phanac and Phanaces. Hanes was a title of the same Deity, equally revered of old, and compounded Ph' Hanes. It signified the fountain of light: and from it was derived Phanes of Egypt: also φαῖνω, φαῖνεις, φανερος: and from Ph'ain on, Fanum. In short these particles occur continually in words, which relate to religious rites, and the ancient adoration of fire. They are generally joined to Ur, by which that element is denoted. From P'Ur Tor came Prætor and Prætorium, among the Romans: from P'Ur-Aith, Purathi and Puratheia among the Asiatics. From P'Ur-tan, πρυτανεις, and πρυτανεια among the Greeks of Hellas: in which Prutaneia there were of old sacred hearths, and a perpetual fire. The antient name of Latian Jupiter was P'ur, by length of time changed to Puer. He was the Deity of fire; and his ministers were stiled Pueri: and because many of them were handsome youths selected for that office, Puer came at length to signify any young person. Some of the Romans would explain this title away, as if it referred to Jupiter's childhood: but the history of the place will shew

<sup>49</sup> Aufonius. Epigram. 30.

Kircher says, that Pi in the Coptic is a prefix, by which a noun is known to be masculine, and of the singular number: and that Pa is a pronoun possessive. Paromi is Vir meus. It may be so in the Coptic: but in ancient times Pi, Pa, Phi, were only variations of the same article: and were indifferently put before all names: of which I have given many instances. See Prodromus. Copt. P. 303.

that:



that it had no such relation. It was a proper name, and retained particularly among the people of Præneste. They had undoubtedly been addicted to the rites of fire; for their city was said to have been built by Cæculus, the son of Vulcan, who was found in the midst of fire:

<sup>50</sup> Vulcano genitum pecora inter agrestia Regem,  
Inventumque focus.

They called their chief God Pur: and dealt particularly in divination by lots, termed of old *Purim*. Cicero takes notice of this custom of divination at Præneste; and describes the manner, as well as the place: but gives into the common mistake, that the Purim related to Jupiter's childhood. He says, that the place, where the process was carried on, was a sacred inclosure, <sup>51</sup> is est hodie locus septus, religiose propter Jovis *Pueri*, qui lactens cum Junone in gremio *Fortunæ* mammam appetens, castissime colitur a Matribus. This manner of divination was of Chaldaic original, and brought from Babylonia to Præneste. It is mentioned in Esther, c. 3. v. 7. They cast Pur before Haman, that he might know the success of his purposes against the Jews. *Wherefore they call these days Purim after the name of Pur* <sup>52</sup>. c. 9. v. 26. The same lots of divination being used at Præneste was the occasion of the God being called Jupiter Pur. This in aftertimes was changed to Puer: whence we find inscriptions, which mention him under that name; and at

<sup>50</sup> Virgil. *Æneid*. l. 7. v. 679.

<sup>51</sup> Cicero de Divinatione. l. 2.

<sup>52</sup> See also v. 28, 29, 31, and 32.



the same time take notice of the custom, which prevailed in his temple. Inscriptions Jovi Puero; and Fortunæ Primigeniæ Jovis <sup>53</sup> Pueri are to be found in Gruter. One is very particular.

<sup>54</sup> Fortunæ Primigeniæ Jovis Pueri D. D.

Ex *SORTÆ* compos factus

Nothus Ruficanæ

L. P. Plotilla.

That this word Puer was originally Pur may be proved from a well known passage in Lucretius :

<sup>55</sup> Puri sæpe lacum propter ac dolia curva

Somno devincti credunt se attollere vestem.

Many instances, were it necessary, might be brought to this purpose. It was a name originally given to the priests of the Deity who were named from the Chaldaic אור, Ur : and by the ancient Latines were called P'uri. At Præneste the name was particularly kept up on account of this divination by <sup>56</sup> lots. These by the Amonians were stiled Purim,

<sup>53</sup> Gruter. Inscript. lxxvi. n. 6.

<sup>54</sup> Ibid. lxxvi. n. 7.

B O N O D E O  
P U E R O P O S-  
P O R O.

Gruter. Inscrip. p. lxxxviii. n. 13.

<sup>55</sup> Lucretius. l. 4. v. 1020.

<sup>56</sup> Propertius alludes to the same circumstance :

Nam quid Prænестis dubias, O Cynthia, *sortes* ?

Quid petis Ææi mœnia Telegoni ? l. 2. eleg. 32. v. 3.

What



rim, being attended with ceremonies by fire; and supposed to be effected through the influence of the Deity. Præneste seems to be a compound of Puren Eſta, the lots of Eſta, the Deity of fire.

These are terms, which seem continually to occur in the ancient Amonian history: out of these most names are compounded; and into these they are easily resolvable. There are some few more, which might perhaps be very properly introduced: but I am unwilling to trespass too far, especially as they may be easily taken notice of in the course of this work. I could wish that my learned readers would afford me so far credit, as to defer passing a general sentence, till they have perused the whole: for much light will accrue; and fresh evidence be accumulated in the course of our procedure. A history of the rites and religion, in which these terms are contained, will be given; also of the times, when they were introduced; and of the people, by whom they were diffused so widely. Many positions, which may appear doubtful, when they are first premised, will, I hope, be abundantly proved, before we come to the close. In respect to the etymologies, which I have already offered and considered, I have all along annexed the histories of the persons and places spoken of, in order to ascertain

What in the book of Hester is stiled Purim, the seventy render, c. 9. v. 29. φρῆραι. The days of Purim were stiled φρῆραι—Τη διαλεκτῶ αὐτῶν καλεῖνται φρῆραι. so in c. 10. The additamenta Græca mention—την προκειμένην ἐπιτο-  
λήν των φρῆραι, instead of φῆραι and Πῆραι: from P'Ur and Ph'Ur, ignis.

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my opinion concerning them. But the chief proof, as I have before said, will result from the whole; from a uniform series of evidence, supported by a fair and uninterrupted analogy.



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# E T Y M O L O G Y,

As it has been too generally handled.

ΑΛΛΑ ΘΕΟΙ ΤΩΝ ΜΕΝ ΜΑΝΙΗΝ ΑΠΕΤΡΕΨΑΤΕ ΓΛΩΣΣΗΣ,  
 ΕΚ Δ' ὍΣΙΩΝ ΣΟΜΑΤΩΝ ΚΑΘΑΡΗΝ ΟΧΕΤΕΥΣΑΤΕ ΠΗΓΗΝ.  
 ΚΑΙ ΣΕ, ΠΟΛΥΜΝΗΣΗ, ΛΕΥΚΩΛΕΝΕ ΠΑΡΘΕΝΕ, ΜΟΥΣΑ,  
 ΑΝΤΟΜΑΙ, ὧΝ ΘΕΜΙΣ ΕΣΙΝ ΕΦΗΜΕΡΙΟΙΣΙΝ ΑΚΧΕΙΝ.  
 ΠΕΜΠΕ ΠΑΡ' ΕΥΣΕΒΗΣ ΕΛΑΧΣ' ΕΥΗΝΙΟΝ ἄρμα.

EMPEDOCLES.

**I**T may appear invidious to call to account men of learning, who have gone before me in inquiries of this nature; and to point out defects in their writings: but it is a task which I must in some degree take in hand, as the best writers have in my opinion failed fundamentally in these researches. Many in the wantonness of their fancy have yielded to the most idle surmises; and this to a degree of licentiousness, for which no learning nor ingenuity can atone. It is therefore so far from being injurious, that it appears absolutely necessary to point out the path they took, and the nature of their failure; and this, that their authority may not give a sanction to their mistakes: but on the contrary, if my method



thod should appear more plausible or more certain, that the superiority may be seen upon comparing; and be proved from the contrast.

The Grecians were so prepossessed with a notion of their own excellence and antiquity, that they supposed every ancient tradition to have proceeded from themselves. Hence their mythology is founded upon the grossest mistakes: as all extraneous history, and every foreign term, is supposed by them to have been of Grecian original. Many of their learned writers had been abroad; and knew how idle the pretensions of their countrymen were. Plato in particular saw the fallacy of their claim. He confesses it more than once: yet in this article nobody was more infatuated. His *Cratylus* is made up of a most absurd system of etymology.<sup>57</sup> Herodotus expressly says, that the Gods of Greece came in great measure from Egypt. Yet Socrates is by Plato in this treatise made to derive Artemis from *το αρτεμες*, integritas: Poseidon from *ποσι δεσμεν*, fetters to the feet: Hestia from *ουσια*, substance and essence: Demeter, from *διδουσα ως μητης*, distributing as a mother: Pallas from *παλλειν* to vibrate, or dance: Ares, Mars, from *αρρεν*, masculinum, et virile: and the word Theos, God, undoubtedly the Theuth of Egypt, from *θειν*, to run<sup>58</sup>. Innumerable derivations of this nature are to

<sup>57</sup> Herodotus. l. 2. c. 4. and l. 2. c. 52.

Ἐπειτα δε Χρεισ Πολλη διελθοντες επιυθοντο (οι Ἕλληνες) εκ της Αιγυπτου. αποκομενα τα ονοματα των Θεων.

<sup>58</sup> So δαιμων from δαμων; Απολλων from η ομου πολησις Διονυσος quasi διδωνυσος from διδοι and οινος. and οινος from οισθαι. Κρονος, quasi χρονος κορος. Τηθυς, το ηθουμενον— with many more. Plato in *Cratylus*.

Ægyptus παρὰ το αιχας παινειρ. Eustath. in *Odys.* l. 4. p. 1499.



be found in Aristotle, Plato, <sup>59</sup> Heraclides Ponticus, and other Greek writers. There is a maxim laid down by the scholiast upon Dionysius; which I shall have occasion often to mention. <sup>60</sup> Εἰ βάρβαρον το ὄνομα, οὐ χρὴ ζητεῖν Ἑλληνικὴν ἐτυμολογίαν αὐτῶν. *If the term be foreign, it is idle to have recourse to Greece for a solution.* It is a plain and golden rule, posterior in time to the writers above, which however common sense might have led them to have anticipated, and followed: but it was not in their nature. The person who gave the advice was a Greek, and could not for his life abide by it. It is true, that Socrates is made to say something very like the above. <sup>61</sup> Ἐννοῶ γὰρ, ὅτι πολλὰ οἱ Ἕλληνες

<sup>59</sup> Poseidon, ποσειδάειον. Tisiphone, Τητωῶν φωνή, Athene quasi αθανάτος. Hecate from ἑκατόν centum. Saturnus, quasi facer, ῥαῖς. See Heraclides Ponticus, and Fulgentii Mythologia.

See the Etymologies also of Macrobius. Saturnalia. l. 1. c. 17. p. 189.

Μεσαι· quasi ὁμῶς εἶναι. Plutarch de Fraternali Amore. v. 2. p. 480. Δι' εὐνοίαν καὶ φιλαδελφίαν.

Πασίζαν, διὰ τὸ πασι φαίνειν τὰ μαντήσια. Plutarch. Agis and Cleomenes. v. 2. p. 799.

<sup>60</sup> Eustathius on Dionysius: περιηγησις.

Ut Josephus recte observat, Græcis scriptoribus id in more est, ut peregrina, et barbara nomina, quantum licet, ad Græcam formam emolliant: sic illis Ar Moabitarum est Αρεμπολις; Botsra, Βουρσα; Akis, Αγκυρῆ; Astarte, Αστραρχη; torrens Kison, Χειμαῖρος τῶν Κισσῶν; torrens Kedron, Χειμαῖρος τῶν Κεδρων; et talia ὥσει κρημνῶν. Bochart. Geog. Sacra. l. 2. c. 15. p. 111.

We are much indebted to the learned father Theophilus of Antioch: he had great knowledge; yet could not help giving way to this epidemical weakness. He mentions Noah as the same as Deucalion, which name was given him from calling people to righteousness: he used to say, δευτε καλεῖ ἑμᾶς ὁ θεός; and from hence, it seems, he was called Deucalion. Ad Antol. l. 3.

<sup>61</sup> Plato in Cratylus. p. 409.



ονοματα, αλλως τε και οι υπο τοις Βαρβαροις οικοντες, παρα των Βαρβαρων ειληφασι——ει τις ζητοι ταυτα κατα την Ἑλληνικην φωνην, ὡς εοικотως κειται, αλλα μη κατ' ἐκεινην, ἐξ ἧς το ονομα τυγχανει ον, οισθα οτι αποροι αν. *I am very sensible that the Grecians in general, and especially those who are subjects to foreigners, have received into their language many exotic terms: if any person should be led to seek for their analogy or meaning in the Greek tongue, and not in the language from whence they proceeded, he would be grievously puzzled. Who would think, when Plato attributed to Socrates this knowledge, that he would make him continually act in contradiction to it? Or that other <sup>62</sup> writers, when this plain truth was acknowledged, should deviate so shamefully? that we should in after times be told, that Tarsus, the ancient city in Cilicia, was denominated from ταρσος, a foot: that the river Nile signified νη ιλυσ: and that Gader in Spain was Γης δειρα.*

The ancients in all their etymologies were guided solely by the ear: In this they have been implicitly copied by the moderns. Inquire of Heinsius, whence Thebes, that ancient city in upper Egypt, was named; and he will tell you from תֵּבַי, Teba, <sup>63</sup> stetit: or ask the good bishop Cumberland, why Nineve was so called, and he will answer from Schindler, that it was a compound of <sup>64</sup> Nin-Nau, נִין נָוּ, *a son inhabited*. But is it credible, or indeed possible, for these cities to have been named from terms so vague, casual,

<sup>62</sup> Suidas, Stephanus, Etymolog. Eustathius, &c.

So Coptus in Egypt, from κοπτειν.

<sup>63</sup> See Callimachus. vol. 2. Spanheim's not. in Hymn. in Del. v. 87. p. 438.

<sup>64</sup> Cumberland's Origines. p. 165. so he derives Goshen in the land of Egypt: from a shower of rain. See Sancho. p. 364.



and indeterminate; which seem to have so little relation to the places, to which they are appropriated; or to any places at all? The history of the Chaldeans is of great consequence: and one would be glad to know their original. They are properly called Chasdim: and are very justly thought to have been the first constituted nation upon earth. It is said of the patriarch Abraham, that he came from the city Ur of the Chasdim. Whence had they their name? The learned Hyde will <sup>65</sup> answer, that it was from Chesed, their ancestor. Who was Chesed? He was the fourth son of Nahor, who lived in Aram, the upper region of Mesopotamia. Is it said in history, that he was the father of this people? There is no mention made of it. Is it said that he was ever in Chaldea? No. Is there the least reason to think, that he had any acquaintance with that country? We have no grounds to suppose it. Is there any reason to think, that this people, mentioned repeatedly as prior to him by ages, were in reality constituted after him? None. What then has induced writers to suppose that he was the father of this people? Because Chesed and Chasdim have a remote similitude in sound. And is this the whole? Absolutely all that is or can be alledged for this notion. And as the Chasdim are mentioned some ages before the birth of Chesed; some would have the passage to be introduced proleptically; others suppose it an interpolation; and would strike it out of the sacred text: so far does whim get the better of judgment, that even the written word is not safe. The whole history of Chesed is this. About fifty years after the patriarch Abra-

<sup>65</sup> Hyde de Religione veterum Persarum. c. 2. p. 75.



ham had left his brother Nahor at Haran in Aramea, he received intelligence, that Nahor had in that interval been blessed with children. <sup>66</sup> *It was told Abraham, behold Milcab, she also hath born children to thy brother Nahor; Huz, Buz, Kemuel and Chesed: of these Chesed was the fourth. There occurs not a word more concerning him.*

It is moreover to be observed, that these etymologists differ greatly from one another in their conceptions; so that an unexperienced reader knows not whom to follow. Some deduce all from the Hebrew, others call in to their assistance the Arabic, and the Coptic; or whatever tongue or dialect makes most for their purpose. The author of the Universal History speaking of the Moabitish Idol Chemosh, tells us, <sup>67</sup> *that many make it come from the verb מָשַׁשׁ, mashaśh, to feel: but Dr. Hyde derives it from the Arabic, Khamūsh, which signifies gnats, (though in the particular dialect of the tribe Hodail) supposing it to have been an astronomical talisman in the figure of a gnat:—and Le Clerc, who takes this idol for the Sun, from Comosha, a root, in the same tongue, signifying to be swift.* There is the same variety of sentiment about Silenus, the companion of Bacchus. <sup>68</sup> Bochart derives his name from Silan, שִׁילָן, and supposes him to have been the same as Shiloh, the Messias. Sandford makes him to be Balaam the false prophet. <sup>69</sup> Huetius maintains that

<sup>66</sup> Genesis. c. 22. v. 20.

<sup>67</sup> Universal History. vol. 1. b. 1. p. 286. notes.

<sup>68</sup> Bochart. Geograph. Sacra. l. 1. c. 18. p. 443.

Sandford de descensu Christi. l. 1. §. 21.

See Galę's Court of the Gentiles. vol. 1. b. 2. c. 6. p. 68.

<sup>69</sup> Huetius. Demonst. p. 138.



he was assuredly Moses. It is not uncommon to find even in the same writer great uncertainty: we have sometimes two, sometimes three etymologies presented together of the same word: two out of the three must be groundless, and the third not a whit better: otherwise the author would have given it the preference; and set the other two aside. An example to this purpose we have in the etymology of Rameſſes, as it is explained in the 7<sup>o</sup> Hebrew Onomasticum. Rameſſes, tonitruum vel exprobratio tineæ; aut malum delens, five diſſolvens; vel confractionem diſſolvens, aut confractus a tineâ—civitas in extremis finibus Ægypti. A ſimilar interpretation is given of Berodach, a king of Babylon. Berodach: creans contritionem, vel electio interitus, aut filius interitus, vel vaporis tui; five frumentum; vel puritas nubis, vel vaporis tui. Rex Babyloniz.

It muſt be acknowledged of Bochart, that the ſystem, upon which he has proceeded, is the moſt plauſible of any: and he has ſhewn infinite ingenuity, and learning. He every where tries to ſupport his etymologies by ſome hiſtory of the place, concerning which he treats. But the miſfortune is, that the names of places, which ſeem to be original, and of high antiquity, are too often deduced by him from circumſtances of later date: from events in after ages. The hiſtories, to which he appeals, were probably not known, when the country, or iſland, received its name. He likewiſe allows himſelf a great latitude in forming his derivations: for to make his terms accord he has recourſe not only to the Phenician language, which he ſuppoſes to have

<sup>7o</sup> Hebræa, Chaldæa, &c. nomina virorum, mulierum, populorum—Antverpiæ, 1565, Plantin.



been a dialect of the Hebrew; but to the Arabian, Chaldaic, and Syriac, according as his occasions require. It happens to him often to make use of a verb for a radix, which has many variations, and different significations: but at this rate we may form a similitude between terms the most dissimilar. For take a word in any language, which admits of many inflexions, and variations, and after we have made it undergo all its evolutions, it will be hard, if it does not in some degree approximate. But to say the truth, he many times does not seem to arrive even at this: for after he has analysed the premises with great labour, we often find the supposed resemblance too vague, and remote, to be admitted: and the whole is effected with a great strain and force upon history before he brings matters to a seeming coincidence. The Cyclops are by the best writers placed in Sicily, near Mount <sup>71</sup> Ætna, in the country of the Leontini, called of old Xuthia; but Bochart removes them to the south west point of the island. This he supposes to have been called Lelub, Λιλυβαιον, from being opposite to Libya: and as the promontory was so named, it is, he thinks, probable that the sea below was stiled Chec Lelub, or Sinus Lelub: and as the Cyclops lived hereabouts, they were from hence denominated Chec-lelub, and Chec-lub, out of which the Greeks formed <sup>72</sup> Κυκλωπες. He derives the Siculi first from <sup>73</sup> seclul, perfection: and afterwards from אשכול, Efcol,

<sup>71</sup> Pliny. l. 3. c. 8.

Ætna, quæ Cyclopas olim tulit. Mela. l. 2. c. 7.

<sup>72</sup> Bochart. Geog. Sacra. l. 1. c. 30. p. 560.

<sup>73</sup> Ibidem. p. 565, 566.



pronounced, according to the Syriac, Sigol, a bunch of grapes. He deduces the Sicani from סִינִי, <sup>74</sup> Sacan, near : because they were near their next neighbours : in other words, on account of their being next to the Pœni. Sicani, qui Siculorum Pœnis proximi. But according to the best accounts the Sicani were the most ancient people of any in these parts. They settled in Sicily before the foundation of Carthage ; and could not have been named from any such vicinity. In short Bochart in most of his derivations refers to circumstances too general ; which might be adapted to one place as well as to another. He looks upon the names of places, and of people, rather as by-names, and chance appellations, than original marks of distinction : and supposes them to have been founded upon some subsequent history. Whereas they were most of them original terms of high antiquity, imported, and assumed by the people themselves, and not imposed by others.

How very casual, and indeterminate the references were by which this learned man was induced to form his etymologies, let the reader judge from the samples below. These were taken for the most part from his accounts of the Grecian islands ; not industriously picked out ; but as they casually presented themselves upon turning over the book. He derives <sup>75</sup> Delos from דָּהַל, Dahal timor. <sup>76</sup> Cynthus from חַנַּת, Chanat, in lucem edere. <sup>77</sup> Naxos from ניִסָּא, sacrificium ;

<sup>74</sup> Bochart. Geog. Sacra. l. 1. c. 30. p. 565, 566.

<sup>75</sup> Bochart. Geog. Sacra. l. 1. p. 406.

<sup>76</sup> Ibidem.

<sup>77</sup> P. 412.



or else from *nicfa*, *opes*. <sup>78</sup> *Gyarus* from *acbar*, softened to *acuar*, a mouse, for the island was once infested with mice. <sup>79</sup> *Pontus* in *Asia Minor* from *בטנא*, *botno*, a pistachio nut. <sup>80</sup> *Icaria* from *icar*, pastures : but he adds, *tamen alia etymologia occurrit, quam huic præfero אי כורי*, *Icaure*, five insula piscium. <sup>81</sup> *Chalcis* in *Eubœa* from *Chelca*, divisio. <sup>82</sup> *Seriphus* from *resiph*, and *resipho*, lapidibus stratum. <sup>83</sup> *Patmos* from *בטמוס*, *batmos*, terebinthus ; for trees of this sort, he says, grew in the *Cyclades*. But *Patmos* was not one of the *Cyclades* : it was an *Asiatic* island, at a considerable distance. <sup>84</sup> *Tenedos* is deduced from *Tin Edom*, red earth : for there were potters in the island ; and the earth was probably red. <sup>85</sup> *Cythnus* from *katnuth*, parvitas : or else from *גבנא*, *gubna*, or *guphno*, cheese : because the next island was famous for that commodity : *Ut ut enim Cythnius caseus proprie non dicatur, qui e Cythno non est, tamen receptâ καταχρησει Cythnius dici potuit caseus a vicinâ Ceo*. He supposes *Egypt* to have been denominated from <sup>86</sup> *Mazor*, an artificial fortress ; and the reason he gives, is, because it was naturally secure. Whatever may have been the purport of the term, *Mizraim* was a very ancient and original name, and could have no reference to these after considerations. The author of the *Onomasticum* therefore differs from him, and has tried to mend the matter. He allows that the people, and country, were denominated from *Mazor*, but in a different

<sup>78</sup> P. 415.<sup>79</sup> P. 388.<sup>80</sup> P. 381.<sup>81</sup> P. 435.<sup>82</sup> P. 414.<sup>83</sup> P. 381.<sup>84</sup> P. 385.<sup>85</sup> P. 408. or from *Mazor*, angustia.<sup>86</sup> Ibidem. p. 258.



acceptation: from Mazon, which signified, the double pressure of a mother on each side<sup>87</sup>, *pressionem matris geminam*, i. e. *ab utraque parte*. Upon which the learned Michaelis observes—<sup>88</sup> *quo etymo vix aliud veri dissimilius fingi potest*.

In the theology of the Greeks are many ancient terms, which learned men have tried to analyse, and define. But they seem to have failed here too by proceeding upon those fallacious principles, of which I have above complained. In short they seldom go deep enough in their enquiries; nor consider the true character of the personage, which they would decipher. It is said of the God Vulcan, that he was the same as Tubalcain, mentioned Genesis. c. 4. v. 22: and it is a notion followed by many writers: and among others by Gale. <sup>89</sup> *First as to the name* (says this learned man) *Vossius, de Idolat. l. 1. c. 36, shews us, that Vulcanus is the same as Tubalcainus, only by a wonted, and easy mutation of B into V, and casting away a syllable*. And he afterwards affects to prove from Diodorus Siculus, that the art and office of Vulcan exactly corresponded to the character of Tubalcain, <sup>90</sup> *who was an instructor of every artificer in brass and iron*. Upon the same principles Philo Biblius speaking of Chrusor, a person of great antiquity, who first built a ship, and navigated the seas; who also first taught husbandry, and hunting, supposes him to have been Vulcan; because it is farther said of him, <sup>91</sup> *that he first manufactured iron*. From this

<sup>87</sup> Simonis Onomasticon.

<sup>88</sup> Michaelis Spicilegium Geographiæ Hebræor. Exteræ. p. 158.

<sup>89</sup> Gale's Court of the Gentiles. vol. 1: b. 2. p. 66.

<sup>90</sup> Genesis. c. 4. v. 22.

<sup>91</sup> Philo apud Eusebium. Præp. Evan. l. 1. c. 10.



partial resemblance to Vulcan or Hephæstus, Bochart is induced to derive his name from כּרשׁ אור, Chores Ur, an artificer in <sup>92</sup> fire. These learned men do not consider, that though the name, to which they refer, be ancient, and oriental, yet the character, and attributes, are comparatively modern, having been introduced from another quarter. Vulcan the blacksmith, who was the master of the Cyclops, and forged iron in Mount Ætna, was a character familiar to the Greeks, and Romans. But this Deity among the Egyptians, and Babylonians, had nothing similar to this description. They esteemed Vulcan as the chief of the Gods the same as the Sun : and his name is a sacred title, compounded of Baal-Cahen, Belus sanctus, vel Princeps ; equivalent to Orus, or Ofiris. If the name were of a different original, yet it would be idle to seek for an etymology founded on later conceptions, and deduced from properties not originally inherent in the personage. According to <sup>93</sup> Hermapion he was looked upon as the source of all divinity, and in consequence of it the inscription upon the portal of the temple at Heliopolis was Ἡφαίστω τῷ Θεῷ Πατρὶ. *To Vulcan the Father of the Gods.* In short they, who first appropriated the name of Vulcan to their Deity, had no notion of his being an artificer in brass or iron : or an artificer in any degree. Hence we must be cautious in forming ideas of the ancient theology of nations from the current notions

<sup>92</sup> Bochart. Geograph. Sacra. l. 2. c. 2. p. 706.

<sup>93</sup> Marcellinus. l. 22. c. 15. He was also called Eloüs. Ἐλωὺς, Ἡφαίστος παρὰ Δωριευσίῃ. Hesych. The Latine title of Mulciber was a compound of Melech. Aber, Rex, Parens lucis.



of the Greeks, and Romans ; and more especially from the descriptions of their poets. Polytheism, originally vile, and unwarrantable, was rendered ten times more base by coming through their hands. To instance in one particular : among all the dæmon herd what one is there of a form, and character, so odious, and contemptible as Priapus? an obscure ill-formed Deity, who was ridiculed and dishonoured by his very votaries. - His hideous figure was made use of only as a bugbear to frighten children ; and to drive the birds from fruit trees ; with whose filth he was generally besmeared. Yet this contemptible God, this scarecrow in a garden, was held in high repute at Lampacus, and esteemed the same as <sup>94</sup> Dionusus. He was likewise by the Egyptians revered as the principal God ; no other than the Chaldaic <sup>95</sup> Aur, the same as Orus and Apis : whose rites were particularly solemn. It was from hence that he had his name : for Priapus of Greece is only a compound of Peor-Apis among the Egyptians. He was sometimes stiled Peor singly ; also Baal Peor ; the same with whose rites the Israelites are so often <sup>96</sup> upbraided. His temples likewise are mentioned, which are stiled Beth Peor. In short this wretched divinity of the Romans was looked upon by others as the soul of the world : the first principle, which brought all things into light, and

<sup>94</sup> Τιμαται δε παρὰ Λαμψακηνοῖς ὁ Πριαπός, ὁ αὐτὸς ὡν τῷ Διονυσῷ. Athenæus. l. i. p. 30.

<sup>95</sup> Το ἀγάλμα Πριηπε, τὸ καὶ Ὠρε παρ' Αἰγυπτίοις. Suidas.

<sup>96</sup> Numbers. c. 25. v. 3. Deuteronomy. c. 4. v. 3. Joshua. c. 22. v. 17.

Kircher derives Priapus from פְּהוֹרְפֵּה, Pehorpeh, os nuditatis.

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being. <sup>97</sup> Πρῆπιος ὁ κόσμος, ἡ δὲ προεξως αὐτῆς Λογος. The author of the Orphic hymns stiles him <sup>98</sup> Πρωτογονον—γενεσιν μακαρων, θνητων τ' ἀνθρώπων. *The first born of the world, from whom all the immortals, and mortals were descended.* This is a character, which will hereafter be found to agree well with Dionusus. Phurnutus supposes Priapus to have been the same as Pan, the shepherd God : who was equally degraded, and misrepresented on one hand, and as highly revered on the other. <sup>99</sup> Ἴσως δ' ἀν' οὗτος καὶ ὁ Πρῆπιος εἴη, καθ' ὃν προεῖσιν εἰς φῶς τὰ πάντα· τῶν ἀρχαίων δ' εἰσι Δαιμονων. *Probably Pan is no other than the God Priapus, by whose means all things were brought into light. They are both Deities of high* <sup>100</sup> *antiquity. Yet the one was degraded to a filthy monster; and of the other they made a scarecrow.*

<sup>97</sup> Phurnutus de naturâ Deorum. c. 17. p. 205.

<sup>98</sup> Orphic Hymn 5. to Protogonus, the same as Phanes, and Priapus. See verse 10.

<sup>99</sup> Phurnutus. c. 17. p. 204.

<sup>100</sup> Παρ' Αἰγυπτίοισι δὲ Παν μὲν ἀρχαιότατος, καὶ τῶν οκτῶ τῶν πρῶτων λεγόμενων Θεῶν. Herodotus. l. 2. c. 145.

Albæ Juliæ Inscriptio.

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PANTHEO.

Gruter. v. 1. p. xcv. n. 1.



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# DISSERTATION

UPON THE

HELLADIAN and other GRECIAN WRITERS.

*Ενθα πυλαι νυκτος τε, και ηματος, εισι κελευθων.*

PARMENIDES.

**I**T may be proper to take some previous notice of those writers, to whose assistance we must particularly have recourse ; and whose evidence may be most depended upon, in disquisitions of this nature. All knowledge of Gentile antiquity must be derived to us through the hands of the Grecians : and there is not of them a single writer, to whom we may not be indebted for some advantage. The Helladians however, from whom we might expect most light, are to be admitted with the greatest caution. They were a bigotted people, highly prejudiced in their own favour ; and so devoted to idle tradition that no arguments could wean them from their folly. Hence the surest resources are from Greeks of other countries. Among the Poets, Lycophron, Callimachus, and Apollonius Rhodius are principally to be esteemed. The last of these was a native of Egypt ; and the other two lived there, and have continual allusions to the antiquities of that country. Homer likewise abounds with  
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a deal of mysterious lore, borrowed from the ancient Amonian theology; with which his commentators have been often embarrassed. To these may be added such Greek writers of later date, who were either not born in Hellas, or were not so deeply tinctured with the vanity of that country. Much light may be also obtained from those learned men, by whom the Scholia were written, which are annexed to the works of the Poets abovementioned. Nonnus too, who wrote the *Dionysiaca*, is not to be neglected. He was a native of Panopolis in Egypt, <sup>1</sup> *Ἐκ τῆς Πανὸς τῆς Αἰγυπτῶ γεγενημένος*; and had opportunity of collecting many ancient traditions, and fragments of mysterious history, which never were known in Greece. To these may be added Porphyry, Proclus, and Jamblichus, who professedly treat of Egyptian learning. The Isis and Osiris of Plutarch may be admitted with proper circumspection. It may be said, that the whole is still an enigma: and I must confess that it is: but we receive it more copiously exemplified; and more clearly defined; and it must necessarily be more genuine, by being nearer the fountain head: so that by comparing, and adjusting the various parts, we are more likely to arrive at a solution of the hidden purport. But the great resource of all is to be found among the later antiquaries and historians. Many of these are writers of high rank; particularly Diodorus, Strabo, and Pausanias, on the Gentile part: and of the fathers Theophilus, Tatianus Athenagoras, Clemens, Origenes, Eusebius, Theodoretus, Syncellus; and the compiler of the *Fasti Si-*

<sup>1</sup> Agathias. l. 4. p. 133.



culi, otherwise called *Chronicon Paschale*. Most of these were either of Egypt or Asia. They had a real taste for antiquity ; and lived at a time when some insight could be obtained : for till the Roman Empire was fully established, and every province in a state of tranquillity, little light could be procured from those countries, whence the mythology of Greece was derived. The native Helladians were very limited in their knowledge. They had taken in the gross whatever was handed down by tradition ; and assumed to themselves every history, which was imported. They moreover held every nation but their own as barbarous ; so that their insuperable vanity rendered it impossible for them to make any great advances in historical knowledge. But the writers whom I just now mentioned, either had not these prejudices ; or lived at a time when they were greatly subdued. They condescended to quote innumerable authors, and some of great antiquity ; to whom the pride of Greece would never have appealed. I had once much talk upon this subject with a learned friend, since lost to the world, who could ill brook that Herodotus, Thucydides, Xenophon, should be discarded for Clemens, Origen, or Eusebius ; and that Lyfias and Demosthenes should give way to Libanius and Aristides. The name of Tzetzes, or Eustathius, he could not bear. To all which I repeatedly made answer ; that it was by no means my intention to set aside any of the writers, he mentioned : whose merits, as far as they extended, I held in great veneration. On the contrary I should have recourse to their assistance, as far as it would carry me : But I must at the same time take upon me to weigh those merits ; and see wherein they consisted ;



and to what degree they were to be trusted. The Helladians were much to be admired for the smoothness of their periods, and a happy collocation of their terms. They shewed a great propriety of diction; and a beautiful arrangement of their ideas: and the whole was attended with a rhythm, and harmony, no where else to be found. But they were at the same time under violent prejudices: and the subject matter of which they treated, was in general so brief, and limited, that very little could be obtained from it towards the history of other countries, or a knowledge of ancient times. Even in respect to their own affairs, whatever light had been derived to them, was so perverted, and came through so dim a medium, that it is difficult to make use of it to any determinate and salutary purpose. Yet the beauty of their composition has been attended with wonderful influence. Many have been so far captivated by this magic, as to give an implicit credence to all that has been transmitted; and to sacrifice their judgment to the pleasures of the fancy.

It may be said, that the writers, to whom I chiefly appeal are in great measure dry, and artless, without any grace and ornament to recommend them. They were likewise posterior to the Helladians; consequently farther removed from the times of which they treat. To the first objection I answer, that the most dry and artless historians are in general the most authentic. They who colour and embellish, have the least regard for the truth. In respect to priority, it is a specious claim; but attended with no validity. When a gra-

See Theophilus ad Autolycum. l. 2. p. 357.



dual darkness has been overspreading the world, it requires as much time to emerge from the cloud, as there passed when we were sinking into it: so that they who come later may enjoy a greater portion of light, than those who preceded them by ages. Besides, it is to be considered, that the writers, to whom I chiefly appeal, lived in parts of the world which gave them great advantages. The whole theology of Greece was derived from the east. We cannot therefore but in reason suppose, that Clemens of Alexandria, Eusebius of Cæsarea, Tatianus of Assyria, Lucianus of Samosata, Cyril of Jerusalem, Porphyry of Syria, Proclus of Lycia, Philo of Biblus, Strabo of Amasa, Pausanias of Cappadocia, Eratosthenes of Cyrene, must know more upon this subject than any native Helladian. The like may be said of Diodorus, Josephus, ~~Strabo~~, Cedrenus, Syncellus, Zonaras, Eustathius; and numberless more. These had the archives of ancient<sup>3</sup> temples, to which they could apply: and had traditions more genuine than ever reached Greece. And though they were posterior themselves, they appeal to authors far prior to any Helladians: and their works are crowded with extracts from the most curious and the most ancient<sup>4</sup> histories. Such were the writings of Sanchoniathon, Berofus, Nicholas Damascenus, Mocus, Mnaseas, Hieronymus Ægyptius, Apion, Manethon: from whom Abydenus, Apollodorus,

<sup>3</sup> See Philo Biblius apud Euseb. P. E. l. i. c. 10. p. 32. He mentions applying to a great number of authors, in Phenicia.

<sup>4</sup> Πολλὴν ἐξερευνησάμενος ὕλην, ἔχει τὴν παρ' Ἑλλήσι.

Philo apud Euseb. P. Evang. l. i. c. ix. p. 32.



Afclepiades, Artapanus, Philastrius, borrowed largely. We are beholden to Clemens<sup>5</sup>, and Eusebius, for many evidences from writers, long since lost; even Eustathius and Tzetzes have resources, which are now no more.

It must be after all confessed, that those, who preceded, had many opportunities of information, had they been willing to have been informed. It is said both of Pythagoras and Solon, that they resided for some time in Egypt: where the former was instructed by a Son-chen, or priest of the Sun. But I could never hear of any great good, that was the consequence of his travels. Thus much is certain; that whatever knowledge he may have picked up in other parts, he got nothing from the Grecians. They, who pretended most to wisdom, were the most destitute of the blessing. <sup>6</sup> Ἀλλὰ παρ' ἄλλοις συλλεξάμενος, μόνον παρὰ τῶν σοφῶν Ἑλλήνων εἶχεν οὐδέν, πένια σοφίας καὶ ἀπορία συνοικεῦντων. And as their theology was before very obscure, he drew over it a mysterious veil to make it tenfold darker. The chief of the intelligence transmitted by Solon from Egypt contained a satire upon his own country. He was told by an ancient <sup>7</sup> priest, that the Grecians were children in science: that they were utterly ignorant of the mythology of other nations; and did not understand their own. Eudoxus

<sup>5</sup> Clemens Alexandrinus Strom. l. i. p. 356.

<sup>6</sup> Eusebij Præp. Evang. l. 10. c. 4. p. 471.

Τὶ ὠφελησε Πυθαγόραν τὰ Ἀδύτα, καὶ Ἡρακλῆες γηλαί.

Theophilus ad Autol. l. 3. p. 381.

<sup>7</sup> Plato in Timæo. Clemens. Strom. l. i. p. 426.

Ω. Σολων, Σολων, Ἕλληνες αἰεὶ παῖδες—κτλ.

likewise



likewise and Plato were in Egypt; and are said to have resided there some time: yet very few things of moment have been transmitted by them. Plato had great opportunities of rectifying the history and mythology of Greece: but after all his advantages he is accused of trifling shamefully, and addicting himself to fable. <sup>8</sup> Πλατων δε, ὁ δοκῶν τῶν Ἑλλήνων σοφωτάτος γεγενῆσθαι, εἰς ποσὴν φλυαρίαν ἐχώρησεν. Yet all the rites of the Helladians, as well as their Gods and Heroes, were imported from the <sup>9</sup> east: and chiefly from <sup>10</sup> Egypt, though they were unwilling to allow it. Length of time had greatly impaired their true history; and their prejudices would not suffer them to retrieve it. I should therefore think it by no means improper to premise a short account of this wonderful people, in order to shew whence this obscurity arose; which at last prevailed so far, that they in great measure lost sight of their origin, and were involved in mystery and fable.

The first inhabitants of the country, called afterwards Hellas, were the sons of Javan; who seem to have degenerated very early, and to have become truly barbarous. Hence the best historians of Greece confess, that their ancestors were not the first inhabitants; but that it was before their arrival

<sup>8</sup> Theophilus ad Autolyicum. L. 3. p. 390.

<sup>9</sup> See Eusebius. Præp. Evan. L. 10. c. 4. p. 469. and c. 5. p. 473. also Clemens Alexand. Strom. L. 1. p. 361. Diodorus Siculus. L. 1. p. 62, 63. and p. 86, 87.

<sup>10</sup> Καθολοὶ δὲ φασὶ τὰς Ἑλλήνας ἐξιδιάξασθαι τὰς ἐπιφανέστατας Αἰγυπτίων Ἡρώας τε, καὶ Θεοὺς. L. 1. p. 20.

See here a long account of the mythology of Egypt being transported to Greece; and there adopted by the Helladians as their own, and strangely sophistified.



in the possession of a people, whom they stile <sup>11</sup> Βαρβαροι, or Barbarians. The Helladians were colonies of another family : and introduced themselves somewhat later. They were of the race, which I term Amonian ; and came from Egypt and Syria : but originally from Babylonia. They came under various titles, all taken from the religion, which they professed. Of these titles I shall have occasion to treat at large ; and of the imaginary leaders, by whom they were supposed to have been conducted.

As soon as the Amonians were settled, and incorporated with the natives, a long interval of darkness ensued. The very union produced a new language : at least the ancient Amonian became by degrees so modified, and changed, that the terms of science, and worship, were no longer understood. Hence the titles of their Gods were misapplied : and the whole of their theology grew more and more corrupted ; so that very few traces of the original were to be discovered. In short, almost every term was misconstrued, and abused. This <sup>12</sup> æra of darkness was of long duration : at last the Asiatic Greeks began to bestir themselves. They had a greater correspondence than the Helladians : and they were led to exert their talents from examples in Syria, Egypt, and other countries. The specimens, which they exhibited of their genius, were amazing : and have been justly esteemed

<sup>11</sup> Ἐκαταίος μὲν οὖν ὁ Μιλησιος περὶ τῆς Πελοποννησῆς φησιν, ὅτι πρὸ τῶν Ἑλλήνων ὠκησαν αὐτὴν Βαρβαροι· σχεδὸν δὲ τι καὶ ἡ συμπασσα Ἑλλάς κατοικία Βαρβαρῶν ὑπεῖχε το παλαιόν. Strabo. L. 7. p. 321.

<sup>12</sup> Οὗδε μετὰ τοῦ χρόνου παραλείπεται, ἐν ᾧ μὴ ἐν ἐξαιρετὸν Ἑλλήσιν ἱστορεῖται. Theopompus in Tricarenio.



a standard for elegance, and nature. The Athenians were greatly affected with these examples. They awoke as it were out of a long and deep sleep : and as if they had been in the training of science for ages, their first efforts bordered upon perfection. In the space of a century, out of one little confined district, were produced a group of worthies, who at all times have been the wonder of the world : so that we may apply to the nation in general, what was spoken of the school of a philosopher : *cujus ex ludo, tanquam ex Equo Trojano, meri Principes exierunt*. But this happy display of parts did not remedy the evil, of which I have complained. They did not retrieve any lost annals : nor were any efforts made to dispel the cloud, in which they were involved. There had been, as I have represented, a long interval ; during which there must have happened great occurrences : but few of them had been transmitted to posterity ; and those handed down by tradition, and mixed with inconsistency and fable. It is said that letters were brought into Greece very early by <sup>13</sup> Cadmus. Let us for a while grant it ; and inquire what was the progress. They had the use of them so far, as to put an inscription on the pediment of a temple, or upon a pillar, or

<sup>13</sup> How uncertain they were in their notions may be seen from what follows. *Alii Cadmum, alii Danaum, quidam Cecropem Atheniensem, vel Linum Thebanum, et temporibus Trojanis Palamedem Argivum, memorant sedecim litterarum formas, mox alios, et præcipue Simonidem cæteras invenisse. Lilius Gyraldus de Poetis. Dialog. 1. p. 13. Edit. Lugd. Bat. 1696.*

Τότε ὁ Παλαμίδης εὗρε τα ἰς γράμματα τὰ ἀλφάβητα, α, β, γ, δ, ε, ι, κ, λ, μ, ν, ο, π, ρ, σ, τ, υ· προσέθηκε δὲ Κάδμος ὁ Μιλησιος ἑτέρα γράμματα τρία, θ, φ, χ—πρὸς ταῦτα Σιμωνίδης ὁ Κεῖος προσέθηκε δύο, η καὶ ω. Ἐπιχάρμος δὲ ὁ Συρακεσιος τρία, ζ, ξ, ψ· οὕτως ἐπληρώθησαν τὰ καὶ στοιχεῖα. *Eusebii Chron. P. 33. l. 13.*



to scrawl a man's name upon a tile or an oyster-shell, when they wanted to banish, or poison him. Such scanty knowledge, and so base materials, go but a little way towards science. What history was there of Corinth, or of Sparta? what annals were there of Argos, or Messena; of Elis, or the cities of Achaia? None: not even of <sup>13</sup> Athens. There are not the least grounds to surmise, that any single record existed. The names of the Olympic victors from Corœbus; and of the priestesses of Argos, were the principal memorials, to which they pretended: but how little knowledge could be obtained from hence. The laws of Draco in the thirty-ninth Olympiad were certainly the most ancient writing, to which we can securely appeal. When the Grecians began afterwards to bestir themselves, and to look back upon what had passed; they collected whatever accounts could be <sup>14</sup> obtained. They tried also to separate, and arrange them to the best of their abilities; and to make the various parts of their history correspond. They had still some good materials to proceed upon, had they thoroughly understood them: but herein was a great failure. Among the various traditions handed down they did not consider, which really related to

<sup>13</sup> Οὐ γὰρ μόνον παρὰ τοῖς ἄλλοις Ἕλλησιν ἠμεληθεῖ τα περὶ τῆς ἀναγραφῆς, ἀλλ' ἔδῃ παρὰ τοῖς Ἀθηναίοις, ὥς αὐτοχθόνας εἶναι λεγέσθαι, καὶ παιδείας ἐπιμελεῖς, ἔδεν τοῖς τὸν εὗρισκεται γενομένον. Josephus contra Apion. L. i. p. 439. Their historians were but little before the war with the Persians: *doctrina vero temporum adhuc longe recentior—hinc tenebræ superioribus sæculis, hinc fabulæ.* Marsham. Chron. Canon. p. 14.

<sup>14</sup> The Arundel Marbles are a work of this sort, and contain an account of 1318 years. They begin from Cecrops, and come down to the 160th Olympiad. So that this work was undertaken very late, after the Archonship of Diognetus.



their country, and which had been introduced from other <sup>15</sup> parts. Indeed they did not chuse to distinguish, but adopted all for their own; taking the merit of every ancient transaction to themselves. No people had a greater love for science; nor displayed a more refined taste in composition. Their study was ever to please, and to raise admiration. Hence they always aimed at the marvellous; which they dressed up in a most winning manner: at the same time they betrayed a seeming veneration for antiquity. But their judgment was perverted; and this veneration attended with little regard for the truth. <sup>16</sup> They had a high opinion of themselves and of their country in general; and being persuaded that they sprang from the ground on which they stood; and that the Arcadians were older than the moon, they rested satisfied with this, and looked no farther. In short they had no love for any thing genuine, no desire to be instructed. Their history could not be reformed but by an acknowledgment which their pride would not suffer them to make. They therefore devoted themselves to an idle mythology: and there was nothing so contradictory and absurd, but was greedily admitted, if sanctified by tradition. Even when the truth glared in their very faces, they turned from the light;

<sup>15</sup> See Diodorus above. p. 19, 20.

<sup>16</sup> —Τίς ἢ παρ' αὐτῶν συγγραφεῶν μαθοὶ ῥαδίως, ὅτι μὴδὲν ἐξ ἑαυτοῦ εἰδότες συνεργάζοντο, ἀλλ' ὡς ἕκαστοι περὶ τῶν πραγμάτων εἰκαζοῖντο; πλεῖον γὰρ διὰ τῶν βιβλίων ἀλλήλους ἐλεγχοῦσι, καὶ ἐναντιώτατα περὶ τῶν αὐτῶν λεγέειν ἕκαστοι—κτλ. Josephus contra Apion. vol. 2. l. 1. c. 3. p. 439.

Ὅμοιος δὲ τῷ (Εὐδοκῷ) Καλλισθένης καὶ Θεοπομπὸς κατὰ τὴν ἡλικίαν γεγενησὶν ἀπεστήσαν τῶν παλαιῶν μυθῶν· ἡμεῖς δὲ τὴν ἐναντίαν τῷ τοῖς κριταῖς ἐχόντες, καὶ τὸν ἐκ τῆς ἀναγραφῆς ποιεῖν ὑποστάντες, τὴν πᾶσαν ἐπιμελείαν ἐπὶ τῇ ἀρχαιολογίᾳ. Diod. l. 4. p. 209.



and would not be undeceived. Those, who like Euemerus and Ephorus had the courage to dissent from their legends, were deemed atheists and apostates; and treated accordingly. Plutarch more than once insists that it is expedient to veil the truth, and to dress it up in <sup>17</sup> allegory. They went so far as to deem inquiry a <sup>18</sup> crime; and thus precluded the only means, by which the truth could be obtained.

Nor did these prejudices appear only in respect to their own rites, and theology, and the history of their own nation; the accounts which they gave of other countries, were always tinged with this predominant vanity. An idle zeal made them attribute to their forefathers the merit of many great performances to which they were utterly strangers: and supposed them to have founded cities in various parts of the world, where the name of Greece could not have been known: cities which were in being before Greece was a state. Wherever they got footing, or even a transient acquaintance, they in their descriptions accommodated every thing to their own preconceptions; and expressed all terms according to their own mode of writing, and pronunciation,

<sup>17</sup> Plutarch de Audiendis Poetis.

See Strabo's Apology for Fable. l. 1. p. 35, 36.

<sup>18</sup> Πλην γε δη οτι εκ ακριβη εξητασιν χρη ειναι των υπερ τε Θειν εκ παλαιν μεμυθευμενων. Arrian. Expedit. Alexandri. l. 5.

Herodotus puts these remarkable words into the mouth of Darius—Ενθα γαρ τι δει ψευδος λεγεσθαι, λεγεσθω τε γαρ αυτε γλιχομεθα, οι τε ψευδομενοι, και οι τη αληθειη διαχρεωμενοι. l. 3. c. 72. We may be assured that these were the author's own sentiments, though attributed to another person: hence we must not wonder if his veracity be sometimes called in question: add to this, that he was often through ignorance mistaken: Πολλα τον Ηροδοτον ελεγχει (Μανεθων) των Αιγυπτιακων υπ' αγνοιας εψευσαμενον. Josephus cont. Ap. l. 1. c. 14. p. 444.



that appearances might be in their favour. To this were added a thousand silly stories to support their pretended claim. They would persuade us that Jason of Greece founded the empire of the Medes ; as Perseus of the same country did that of the Persians. Armenus a companion of Jason was the reputed father of the Armenians. They gave out that Tarsus, one of the most ancient cities in the world, was built by people from <sup>19</sup> Argos : and that Pelusium of Egypt had a name of Grecian <sup>20</sup> original. They too built Sais in the same <sup>21</sup> country : and the city of the Sun, stiled Heliopolis, owed its origin to an <sup>22</sup> Athenian. They were so weak as to think that the city Canobus had its name from a pilot of Menelaus, and that even Memphis was built by Epaphos of <sup>23</sup> Argos. There surely was never any nation so incurious and indifferent about truth. Hence have arisen those contradictions and inconsistencies, with which their history is <sup>24</sup> embarrassed.

It may appear ungracious, and I am sure it is far from a pleasing task to point out blemishes in a people of so refined a turn as the Grecians, whose ingenuity and elegance have been admired for ages. Nor would I engage in a dis-

<sup>19</sup> Τάρσος επισημοτατη πόλις Κιλικίας — ἐστὶ δ' ἀποικος Ἀργείων. Steph. Byzantinus, and Strabo. l. 16. p. 1089.

<sup>20</sup> Ὀνομασται δ' ἀπο τῆς Πηλῆς. Strabo. l. 17. p. 1155.

According to Marcellinus it was built by Peleus of Thessaly. l. 22. c. 16. p. 264.

<sup>21</sup> Diodorus. l. 5. p. 328.

<sup>22</sup> Diodorus. l. 5. p. 328. built by Actis.

<sup>23</sup> Apollodorus. l. 2. p. 62. Clemens. l. 1. Strom. p. 383. from Aristippus.

<sup>24</sup> See Josephus contra Apion. l. 1. c. 3. p. 439.



play of this kind, were it not necessary to shew their prejudices and mistakes, in order to remedy their failures. On our part we have been too much accustomed to take in the gross with little or no examination, whatever they have been pleased to transmit: and there is no method of discovering the truth, but by shewing wherein they failed; and pointing out the mode of error; the line of deviation. By unraveling the clue we may be at last led to see things in their original state; and to reduce their mythology to order. That my censures are not groundless, nor carried to an undue degree of severity, may be proved from the like accusations from some of their best writers: who accuse them both of ignorance and forgery. <sup>25</sup> Hecataeus of Miletus acknowledges, *that the traditions of the Greeks were as ridiculous as they were numerous:* <sup>26</sup> and Philo confesses *that he could obtain little intelligence from that quarter: that the Grecians had brought a mist upon learning; so that it was impossible to discover the truth. He therefore applied to people of other countries for information; from whom only it could be obtained. Plato* <sup>27</sup> *owned that the most genuine helps to philosophy were borrowed.*

<sup>25</sup> Ὅτι γὰρ Ἑλλήνων λόγοι πολλοὶ καὶ γελοιοί, ὥς ἐμοὶ φαίνονται. Apud Jamblicum—See notes, p. 295.

<sup>26</sup> Πολὺν αὐτοὶ ἐπηγον τυφόν, ὥς μὴ ῥαδίως τινὰ συνορᾶν τὰ κατ' ἀληθειαν γενομένα. He therefore did not apply to Grecian learning—Οὐ τὴν παρ' Ἑλλήσι, διαφῶνος γὰρ αὕτη καὶ φιλονεικοτερόν ὑπ' ἐνίων μάλλον, ἢ πρὸς ἀληθειαν συντεθεισα. Philo apud Euseb. P. E. l. i. c. ix. p. 32.

See the same writer of their love of allegory, p. 32.

<sup>27</sup> Πλάτων οὐκ ἀρνεῖται τὰ καλλιῆα εἰς φιλοσοφίαν παρὰ τῶν βαρβάρων ἐμπορευεσθαι. Clemens Alexand. Strom. l. i. p. 355.



*borrowed from those, who by the Greeks were stiled barbarous : and <sup>28</sup> Jamblicus gives the true reason for the preference. The Helladians, says this writer, are ever wavering and unsettled in their principles ; and are carried about by the least impulse. They want steadiness : and if they obtain any salutary knowledge, they cannot retain it : nay they quit it with a kind of eagerness : and whatever they do admit, they new mould and fashion, according to some novel and uncertain mode of reasoning. But people of other countries are more determinate in their principles, and abide more uniformly by the very terms, which they have traditionally received. They are represented in the same light by Theophilus : <sup>29</sup> he says, that they wrote merely for empty praise, and were so blinded with vanity, that they neither discovered the truth themselves, nor encouraged others to pursue it. Hence Tatianus says with great truth, <sup>30</sup> that the writers of other countries were strangers to that vanity, with which the Grecians were infected : that they*

—Κλεπτας της βαρβαρῆς φιλοσοφίας Ἕλληνας. Clemens Alexand. Strom. l. 2. p. 428.

Clemens accuses the Grecians continually for their ignorance and vanity : yet Clemens is said to have been an Athenian, though he lived at Alexandria. He sacrificed all prejudices to the truth ; as far as he could obtain it.

<sup>28</sup> Φυσει γὰρ Ἕλληνες εἰσι νεοτροποι, καὶ αἰττοντες φερονται πανταχῃ, οὐδ' ἐν ἑαυτοῖς, καὶ ὅπερ δεξωνται παρὰ τινων διαφυλαττοντες· ἀλλὰ καὶ τὸ οὕτως ἀφεντες πάντα κατὰ τὴν ἀσάτον εὐρεσιλογίαν μεταπλαττῶσι. Βαρβαροὶ δὲ μονιμοὶ τοῖς ἡθεσιν ὄντες, καὶ τοῖς λόγοις βεβαίως τοῖς αὐτοῖς ἐμμένονσι. Jamblicus. sect. 7. c. 5. p. 155.

<sup>29</sup> Δόξης γὰρ κενῆς καὶ ματαιῆς πάντες οὗτοι ἐραδέντες, οὔτε αὐτοὶ τὸ ἀληθὲς ἐγνώσαν, οὔτε μὲν ἄλλες ἐπὶ τὴν ἀληθειαν προετρέψαντο. Theophilus ad Autol. l. 3. p. 382.

<sup>30</sup> Παρ' ἡμῖν δὲ τῆς κενοδοξίας ὁ ἡμέρος οὐκ ἐστὶ δόγματων δὲ ποικιλίαις καταχρωμεθα. Tatianus contra Græcos. p. 269.

were:



were more simple, and uniform, and did not encourage themselves in an affected variety of notions.

In respect to foreign history, and geographical knowledge, the Greeks in general were very ignorant: and the writers, who, in the time of the Roman Empire, began to make more accurate inquiries, met with insuperable difficulties from the mistakes of those who had preceded. I know no censure more severe and just than that which Strabo has passed upon the historians and geographers of Greece; and of its writers in general. In speaking of the Asiatic nations he assures us, that there never had been any account transmitted of them, upon which we can depend.<sup>31</sup> *Some of these nations, says this judicious writer, the Grecians have called Sacæ, and others Massagetæ, without having the least light to determine them. And though they have pretended to give a history of Cyrus, and his particular wars with those who were called Massagetæ, yet nothing precise and satisfactory could ever be obtained; not even in respect to the war. There is the same uncertainty in respect to the ancient history of the Persians, as well as to that of the Medes, and Syrians: We can meet*  
with

<sup>31</sup> Τους μὲν Σακάς, τοὺς δὲ Μασσαγέτας ἐκαλοῦν, ἐκ ἔχοντες ἀκριβῶς λεγεῖν περὶ αὐτῶν οὐδέν, καί περ πρὸς Μασσαγέτας τὸν Κύρου πόλεμον ἰστοροῦντες· ἀλλὰ οὔτε περὶ τούτων οὐδεὶς περὶ βωτο πρὸς ἀληθείαν οὐδεὶς, ἢ τε τὰ παλαιὰ τῶν Περσῶν, οὔτε τῶν Μηδικῶν, ἢ Συριακῶν, ἐς τίςιν ἀφικνεῖτο μεγάλην διὰ τὴν τῶν συγγραφέων ἀπλοτητα καὶ τὴν φιλομυθίαν. Ὁρῶντες γὰρ τοὺς φανερώς μυθογράφους εὐδοκίμουτας, ὠθησάν καὶ αὐτοὺς παρεξέσθαι τὴν γράφην ἡδεῖαν, εἰ ἐν ἱστορίας σχηματὶ λεγῶσιν, ἃ μὴ δὲ ποτε εἶδον, μὴ τε ἤκουσαν, ἢ οὐ παρὰ γε εἰδοτῶν σκοπῆντες· δι' αὐτὸ δὲ μόνον τούτο, ὅτι ἀκροάσιν ἡδεῖαν ἔχει, καὶ θαυμάσῃν. Ραδίως δ' ἂν τις Ἡσίοδῳ καὶ Ὀμηρῷ πιστεύσειεν Ἡρωολογῶσι, καὶ τοῖς τραγικοῖς Ποιηταῖς, ἢ Κτησίαν τε καὶ Ἡρόδοτον, καὶ Ἑλλαννίῳ, καὶ ἀλλοῖς τοιοῖσι. Οὐδὲ τοῖς περὶ Ἀλεξάνδρου δὲ συγγραψάσιν ῥαδίον πιστεῦν τοῖς πολλοῖς· καὶ γὰρ οὕτω ῥαδιουργοὶ διὰ τε



with little that can be deemed authentic, on account of the weakness of those who wrote, and their uniform love of fable. For finding that writers, who professedly dealt in fiction without any pretensions to the truth, were regarded; they thought that they should make their writings equally acceptable, if in the system of their history they were to introduce circumstances, which they had neither seen nor heard, nor received upon the authority of another person; proceeding merely upon this principle that they should be most likely to please peoples fancy by having recourse to what was marvellous and new. On this account we may more safely trust to Hesiod and Homer, when they present us with a list of Demigods and Heroes, and even to the tragic poets, than to Ctesias, Herodotus, and Hellanicus, and writers of that class. Even the generality of historians, who wrote about Alexander, are not safely to be trusted: for they speak with great confidence, relying upon the glory of the monarch, whom they celebrate; and to the remoteness of the countries, in which he was engaged; even at the extremities of Asia; at a great distance from us, and our concerns. This renders them very secure. For what is referred to a distance is difficult to be confuted. In another place speaking of India,

την δοξαν Αλεξανδρου, και δια το την στρατειαν προς τας εσχαιας γεγονεναι της Ασιας πορρω αφ' ημων το δη πορρω δυσελεγτον. Strabo. l. 11. p. 774.

Græcis Historicis. plerumque poeticæ similem esse licentiam. Quintilianus. l. 11. c. 11.

— quicquid Græcia mendax

Audet in Historiâ. Juvenal.

Strabo of the ancient Grecian historians: Δει δε των των παλαιων ιστοριων ακουειν ουτως, ως μη ομολογουμενων σφοδρα. οι γαρ νεωτεροι πολλακις νομιζουσι και τ' αναντια λεγειν. l. 8. p. 545.

Παντες μεν γαρ οι περι Αλεξανδρον το θαυμαστον αντι τ' αληθους αποδεχονται. μαλλον. Strabo. l. 15. p. 1022.



he says, that it was very difficult to arrive at the truth : *for the* <sup>32</sup> *writers, who must necessarily be appealed to, were in continual opposition, and contradicted one another. And how, says Strabo, could it be otherwise, for if they erred so shamefully when they had ocular proof, how could they speak with certainty, where they were led by hearsay?* In another place <sup>33</sup> he excuses the mistakes of the ancient poets, saying, that we must not wonder if they sometimes deviated from the truth, when people in ages more enlightened were so ignorant, and so devoted to every thing marvellous and incredible. He had above given the poets even the preference to other writers : but herein his zeal transported him too far. The first writers were the poets ; and the mischief began from them. They first infected tradition ; and mixed it with allegory and fable. Of this Athenagoras accuses them very justly ; and says, <sup>34</sup> *that the greatest abuses of true knowledge came from them. I insist,* says this learned father, *that we owe to Orpheus, Homer, and Hesiod, the fictitious names and genealogies of the Pagan*

<sup>32</sup> — Αλλὰ ἕκαστος ἕκαστῷ τ' ἀναντία λέγει πολλὰ καὶ ὅπως δὲ περὶ τῶν ἔρασ-  
θαιτων ἔτι διαφέρονται, τί δεῖ νομίζειν περὶ τῶν ἐξ αἰκῆς. Strabo. l. 15. p. 1006.

See also l. 771, 2, 3, 4. And Diodorus Siculus. l. 1. p. 63. Of Herodotus and other writers—Ἐκουσίως προκριναντες τῆς ἀληθείας τὸ παραδοξολογεῖν.

<sup>33</sup> Οὐ θαυμάσιον δ' εἶναι περὶ τῶν Ὀμηρῶν καὶ γὰρ τῆς ἐτι νεωτέρας ἐκείνης πολλὰ ἀγνοεῖν, καὶ τερατολογεῖν. Strabo. l. 7. p. 458.

<sup>34</sup> Φημι οὖν Ὀρφεα καὶ Ὀμηρον καὶ Ἡσίοδον εἶναι τοὺς ὀνοματὰ καὶ γεννηδόντας τοῖς ὑπ' αὐτῶν λεγομένοις θεοῖς· μαρτυρεῖ δὲ καὶ Ἡρόδοτος—Ἡσίοδον γὰρ καὶ Ὀμηρον ἡλικίην τετρακοσίοις ἐτέσι δοκεῖν τρεῖς ἕτερους εἰς γένεσθαι, καὶ οὐ πλείους. Οὗτοι δὲ εἰσιν, οἱ ποιήσαντες θεογονίαν Ἑλλήσι, καὶ τοῖσι θεοῖσι τὰς ἐπωνυμίας δόντες, καὶ τιμὰς καὶ τέχνας δίδοντες, καὶ εἰδεὰ αὐτῶν σημαίνοντες· αἱ δὲ εἰκόνες μέχρι μὴπω πλαστικῇ καὶ γραφικῇ, καὶ ἀνδριαντοποιητικῇ ἦσαν, οὐδὲ εἰκονίζοντο. Athenagoræ Legatio. p. 292. See Herodotus. l. 2. c. 53.



*Dæmons, whom they are pleased to style Gods : and I can produce Herodotus for a witness to what I assert. He informs us, that Homer and Hesiod were about four hundred years prior to himself ; and not more. These, says he, were the persons who first framed the theogony of the Greeks ; and gave appellations to their Deities ; and distinguished them according to their several ranks, and departments. They at the same time described them under different appearances : for till their time there was not in Greece any representation of the Gods, either in sculpture or painting ; not any specimen of the statuary's art exhibited : no such substitutes were in those times thought of.*

The ancient history and mythology of Greece was partly transmitted by the common traditions of the natives : and partly preserved in those original Doric hymns, which were universally sung in their Prutaneia and temples. These were in the ancient Amonian language ; and said to have been introduced by <sup>35</sup> Pagafus, Agyieus, and Olen. This last some represent as a Lycian, others as an Hyperborean : and by many he was esteemed an Egyptian. They were chanted by the Purcones, or priests of the Sun : and by the female, Hierophants : of whom the chief upon record were <sup>36</sup> Phaënnis, <sup>37</sup> Phæmonoë, and Bæo. The last of these mentions Olen, as the inventor of verse, and the most ancient priest of Phœbus.

<sup>35</sup> Pausanias. l. 10. p. 809. Clemens mentions *Αγυεα θυρωρον τῷ Ἑρμῇ*. Cohort. p. 44.

*Ὅσα μὲν αἰετοῖσι ἐν τῷ Πρυτανείῳ, φωνή μὲν ἐστὶν αὐτῶν ἡ Δωρική.* Pausanias. l. 5. p. 416.

<sup>36</sup> Pausanias. l. 10. p. 828. of Phaënnis and the Sibyls.

<sup>37</sup> Pausanias. l. 10. p. 809. of Phæmonoë and ancient hymns.



<sup>38</sup> Ωλην δ' ὅς γε γενετο πρῶτος Φοῖβοιο προφητης,  
 Πρῶτος δ' ἀρχαίων ἐπεων τεχνῶσατ' αἰδαν.

These hymns grew by length of time obsolete ; and scarce intelligible. They were however translated, or rather imitated, by Pamphos, Rhianus, Phemius, Homer, Bion Proconnesius, Onomacritus, and others. Many of the sacred terms could not be understood, nor interpreted ; they were however <sup>39</sup> retained with great reverence : and many which they did attempt to decipher, were misconstrued and misapplied. Upon this basis was the theology of Greece founded : from hence were the names of Gods taken : and various departments attributed to the several Deities. Every poet had something different in his theogony : and every variety, however inconsistent, was admitted by the Greeks without the least hesitation : <sup>40</sup> Φυσει γὰρ Ἕλληνες νεοτροποι — Ἕλλησιν ἀταλαιπῶρος τῆς ἀληθείας ζήτησις. *The Grecians, says Jamblicus, are naturally led by novelty : The investigation of truth is too fatiguing for a Grecian.* From these ancient hymns and misconstrued terms <sup>41</sup> Pherecydes of Syrus planned his history of the Gods : which, there is reason to think, was the source of much error.

<sup>38</sup> Pausanias. l. 10. p. 809, 810. Ωλην.

<sup>39</sup> Jamblicus de Mysteriis. Sect. vii. c. 5. p. 156.

In like manner in Samothracia the ancient Orphic language was obsolete, yet they retained it in their temple rites : Ἐσχηκασι δὲ παλαιαν ἰδίαν διαλεκτον οἱ Ἀυτοχθόνες (ἐν Σαμοθρακῇ) ἥς πολλὰ ἐν ταῖς θυσίαις μέχρι τῆ νυν τηρεται. Diodorus. l. 5. p. 322.

<sup>40</sup> Jamblicus de Myster. Sect. 7. c. 5. See notes. p. 295.

<sup>41</sup> Clemens Alexandrinus Strom. l. 5. p. 676.

Such was Aristæus Proconnesius : Ἀρὴ γοῆς εἰ τις ἄλλος. Strabo. l. 13.



Such were the principles which gave birth to the mythology of the Grecians; from whence their ancient history was in great measure derived. As their traditions were obsolete, and filled with extraneous matter, it rendered it impossible for them to arrange properly the principal events of their country. They did not separate and distinguish; but often took to themselves the merit of transactions, which were of a prior date, and of another clime. These they adopted, and made their own. Hence, when they came to digest their history, it was all confused: and they were embarrassed with numberless contradictions, and absurdities, which it was impossible to <sup>42</sup> remedy. For their vanity, as I have shewn, would not suffer them to rectify their mistakes by the authority of more ancient and more learned nations. It is well observed by Tatianus <sup>43</sup> Assyrius, *that where the history of times past has not been duly adjusted, it is impossible to arrive at the truth: and there has been no greater cause of error in writing, than the endeavouring to adopt what is groundless and inconsistent.* Sir Isaac Newton somewhere lays it down for a rule never to admit for history, what is antecedent to letters. For traditionary truths cannot be long preserved without

<sup>42</sup> Thus it is said in Eusebius from some ancient accounts, that Telegonus reigned in Egypt, who was the son of Orus the shepherd; and seventh from Inachus: and that he married Iö. Upon which Scaliger asks: Si septimus ab Inacho, quomodo Iö Inachi filia nupsit ei? How could Iö be married to him when she was to him in degree of ascent, as far off as his grandmother's great grandmother; that is six removes above him. See Scaliger on Eusebius. ad Num. cccclxxxii.

<sup>43</sup> Παρ' οἷς γὰρ ασυναρτητος ἐστὶν ἡ τῶν Χρονῶν ἀναγραφὴ, παρὰ τούτοις ἔδε ταύτης ἱστορίας ἀληθεύειν δυνατόν· τί γὰρ τὸ αἴτιον τῆς ἐν τῇ γραφῇ πλάνης, εἰ μὴ τὸ σπριαπτειν τὰ μὴ ἀληθῆ; Tatianus. p. 269.



some change in themselves, and some addition of foreign circumstances. This accretion will be in every age enlarged ; till there will at last remain some few outlines only of the original occurrence. It has been maintained by many, that the Grecians had letters very early : but it will appear upon inquiry to have been a groundless notion. Those of the ancients, who considered the matter more carefully, have made no scruple to set aside their <sup>44</sup> pretensions. Josephus in particular takes notice of their early claim ; but cannot allow it : <sup>45</sup> *They, says this learned historian, who would carry the introduction of letters among the Greeks the highest, very gravely tell us, that they were brought over by the Phenicians, and Cadmus. Yet after all they cannot produce a single specimen either from their sacred writings, or from their popular records, which savours of that antiquity.* Theophilus takes notice of these difficulties ; and shews that all the obscurity, with which the history of Hellas is clouded, arose from this deficiency of letters. He complains, *that the* <sup>46</sup> *Hellenes had lost sight of the truth ;*  
and

<sup>44</sup> Νυν μὴν οὔτε ποτε εἰς Ἑλλήνας ἢ τῶν λόγων παρηλθε διδασκαλία τε καὶ γράφη. Clemens Alexand. Strom. l. i. p. 364.

<sup>45</sup> Ὅι μὲν οὖν ἀρχαιοτάτην αὐτῶν τὴν χρῆσιν εἶναι θελοντες, παρὰ Φοινικῶν καὶ Καδμῶ σεμνυνοῦνται μαθεῖν. Οὐ μὴν ἐὰν ἐπ' ἐκείνῃ τῇ χρόνῳ δύναίτο τις ἀν δειξάιναι σωζομένην ἀναγραφὴν ἐν ἱεροῖς, ἢ τ' ἐν δημοσίοις ἀναθήμασι. Joseph. cont. Apion. l. i.

<sup>46</sup> Τῶν δὲ τῆς ἀληθείας ἱστορίων Ἕλληνες ἔμνηνται· πρῶτον μὲν διὰ τὸ νεώτεροι αὐτῶν τῶν γραμμάτων τῆς ἐμπειρίας μετοχὸς γεγενῆσθαι· καὶ αὐτοὶ ὁμολογεῖσθαι, φασκόντες τὰ γράμματα εὑρηθῆναι, οἱ μὲν ἀπὸ Χαλδαιῶν, οἱ δὲ παρ' Αἰγυπτίων, ἄλλοι δ' ἀπὸ Φοινικῶν. δευτέρον, ὅτι ἐπταίον, καὶ πταίον, περὶ θεῶν μὴ ποιῶμεναι τὴν μνησιν, ἀλλὰ περὶ ματαιῶν καὶ ἀνωφελῶν πραγμάτων. Theoph. ad Autol. l. 3. p. 400.

Plutarch assures us, that Homer was not known to the Athenians till the time of



*and could not recollect any genuine history. The reason of this is obvious : for they came late to the knowledge of letters in comparison of other nations. This they confess, by attributing the invention of them to people prior to themselves ; either to the Chaldeans, or the Egyptians : or else to the Phenicians. Another cause of failure, which relates to their theology, and still greatly prevails, is owing to their not making a proper disquisition about the true object of worship : but amusing themselves with idle, and unprofitable speculations.*

Notwithstanding this deficiency, they pretended to give a list of Argive princes, of which twenty preceded the war of <sup>47</sup> Troy. But what is more extraordinary, they boasted of a series of twenty-six Kings at Sicyon, comprehending a space of one thousand years, all which kings were before the time of <sup>48</sup> Theseus and the Argonauts. Among those, who have given the list of the Argive kings, is <sup>49</sup> Tatianus Assyrius, who advises every person of sense, when he meets with these high pretensions, to consider attentively, *that there was not a single voucher, not even a tradition of any record, to authenticate these histories : for even Cadmus was many ages after.* It is certain,

of Hipparchus, about the 63d Olympiad, yet some writers make him three, some four, some five hundred years before that æra. It is scarce possible that he should have been so unknown to them if they had been acquainted with letters.

<sup>47</sup> Eusebius. Chron. p. 24.

<sup>48</sup> Eusebius. Chron. p. 19. Syncellus. p. 148, 152.

The kings of Sicyon were taken from Castor Rhodius.

<sup>49</sup> Καί χεη τον ιβνεχη συνιεναι κατα πασης ακριβειας, οτι κατα την Έλλη-  
νων παραδοσιν ουδ' ιστοριας τις ην παρ' αυτοις αναχρησθη. Καδμος γαρ — μετα  
πολλας γενεας. κ λ. Tatianus Assyrius. p. 274.



that the Helladians had no tendency to learning, till they were awakened by the Asiatic Greeks: and it was even then some time before letters were in general use; or any histories, or even records attempted. For if letters had been current, and the materials for writing obvious, and in common use, how comes it that we have not one specimen older than the reign of Cyrus? And how is it possible, if the Grecians had any records, that they should be so ignorant about some of their most famous men? Of Homer how little is known! and of what is transmitted, how little, upon which we may depend! Seven places in Greece contend for his birth: while many doubt whether he was of Grecian original. It is said of Pythagoras,<sup>50</sup> that according to Hippobotrus he was of Samos: but Aristoxenus, who wrote his life, as well as Aristarchus, and Theopompus, makes him a Tyrrhenian. According to Neanthes he was of Syria; or else a native of Tyre. In like manner Thales was said by Herodotus, Leander, and Duris, to have been a Phenician: but he was by others referred to Miletus in Ionia. It is reported of Pythagoras, that he visited Egypt in the time of Cambyfes. From thence he betook himself to Croton in Italy: where he is supposed to have resided till the last year of the seventieth Olympiad: consequently he could not be above thirty or forty years prior to the birth of Æschylus, and Pindar. What credit can we give to people for histories many ages backward; who were so ignorant in

<sup>50</sup> Clemens Alexand. l. i. p. 352. and Diogenes Laertius, from Dicæarchus, and Heraclides.



matters of importance, which happened in the days of their fathers? The like difficulties occur about Pherecydes Syrius; whom Suidas styles Babylonius: neither the time, when he lived, nor the place of his birth, have been ever satisfactorily proved. Till Eudoxus had been in Egypt the Grecians did not know the space of which the true year consisted. Ἄλλ' ἠγνοεῖτο τῶς ὁ ἐνιαυτός παρὰ τοῖς Ἑλλησιν, ὥς καὶ ἀλλὰ πλείω.

Another reason may be given for the obscurity in the Grecian history, even when letters had been introduced among them. They had a childish antipathy to every foreign language: and were equally prejudiced in favour of their own. This has passed unnoticed; yet was attended with the most fatal consequences. They were misled by the too great delicacy of their ear; and could not bear any term which appeared to them barbarous, and uncouth. On this account they either rejected foreign <sup>52</sup> appellations; or so modelled and changed them, that they became in sound and meaning essentially different. And as they were attached to their own country, and its customs, they presumed that every thing was to be looked for among themselves. They did not consider, that the titles of their Gods, the names of cities, and their terms of worship were imported: that their ancient

<sup>51</sup> Strabo. l. 17. p. 1160.

<sup>52</sup> Ælian mentions, that the Bull Onuphis was worshipped at a place in Egypt, which he could not specify on account of its asperity. Ælian de Animalibus. l. 12. c. 11.

Even Strabo omits some names, because they were too rough, and dissonant. Οὐ λέγω δὲ τῶν ἐθνῶν τὰ ὀνόματα τὰ παλαιὰ διὰ τὴν ἀδύξιαν, καὶ ἄμα τὴν ἀτοπίαν τῆς ἐκφορᾶς αὐτῶν. l. 12. p. 1123.



hymns were grown obsolete: and that time had wrought a great change. They explained every thing by the language in use, without the least retrospect or allowance: and all names and titles from other countries were liable to the same rule. If the name was dissonant, and disagreeable to their ear, it was rejected as barbarous: but if it was at all similar in sound to any word in their language, they changed it to that word; though the name were of Syriac original; or introduced from Egypt, or Babylonia. The purport of the term was by these means changed: and the history, which depended upon it, either perverted, or effaced. When the title Melech, which signified a King, was rendered Μελιχος and Μελιχιος, *sweet and gentle*, it referred to an idea quite different from the original. But this gave them no concern: they still blindly pursued their purpose. Some legend was immediately invented in consequence of this misprision, some story about bees and honey, and the mistake was rendered in some degree plausible. This is a circumstance of much consequence; and deserves our attention greatly. I shall have occasion to speak of it repeatedly; and to lay before the reader some entire treatises upon the subject. For this failure is of such a nature, as when detected, and fairly explained, will lead us to the solution of many dark and enigmatical histories, with which the mythology of Greece abounds. The only Author, who seems to have taken any notice of this unhappy turn in the Grecians, is Philo Biblius.<sup>53</sup> He

<sup>53</sup> Μετὰ ταῦτα πλανήν Ἑλλησι αἰτιαται (ὁ Φίλων) λεγών, οὐ γὰρ ματαιῶς αὐτὰ πολλακῶς διετίλαμεθα, ἀλλὰ πρὸς τὰς αὐτῆς παρεκδόχας τῶν ἐν τοῖς πραγμασιν ὀνοματῶν ἅπερ οἱ Ἕλληνες ἀγνοήσαντες, ἀλλὰς ἐξεδέξαντο, πλανηθέντες τῇ ἀμφιβολίᾳ τῶν ὀνοματῶν. Philo apud Eusebium. P. E. l. i. c. x. p. 34.



speaks of it as a circumstance of very bad consequence, and says, that it was the chief cause of error and obscurity: hence, when he met in Sanchoniathon with ancient names, he did not indulge himself in whimsical solutions; but gave the true meaning, which was the result of some event or quality whence the name was imposed. This being a secret to the Greeks, they always took things in a wrong acceptation; being misled by a twofold sense of the terms, which occurred to them: one was the genuine and original meaning; which was retained in the language, whence they were taken: the other was a forced sense, which the Greeks unnaturally deduced from their own language, though there was no relation between them. The same term in different languages conveyed different and opposite ideas: and as they attended only to the meaning in their own tongue, they were constantly <sup>54</sup> mistaken.

<sup>54</sup> Bozrah, a citadel, they changed to *Βουρσα*, a skin. Out of Ar, the capital of Moab, they formed Areopolis, the city of the Mars. The river Jaboc they expressed Io Bacchus. They did not know that diu in the east signified an island: and therefore out of Diu-Socotra in the Red-Sea, they formed the island Dioscorides: and from Diu-Ador, or Adorus, they made an island Diodorus. The same island Socotra they sometimes denominated the island of Socrates. The place of fountains, Ai-Ain, they attributed to Ajax, and called it *Αϊαντος ακροτηριον*, in the same sea. The ancient frontier town of Egypt, Rhinocolura, they derived from *ῥις, ῥινος*, a nose: and supposed that some people's noses were here cut off. Pannonia they derived from the Latin pannus, cloth. So Nilus was from *νη ἰλυσ*: Gadeira quasi *Γης δειρα*. Necus in Egypt and Ethiopia signified a king: but such kings they have turned to *νεκυας*: and the city of Necho, or Royal City, to *Νικοπολις* and *Νεκροπολις*.

Lyfimachus in his Egyptian history changed the name of Jerusalem to *Ιεροσυλα*: and supposed that the city was so called because the Israelites in their march to Canaan used to plunder temples, and steal sacred things. See Josephus contra Ap. l. i. c. 34. p. 467.



It may appear strange to make use of the mistakes of any people for a foundation to build upon: yet through these failures my system will be in some degree supported: at least from a detection of these errors I hope to obtain much light. For as the Grecian writers have preserved a kind of uniformity in their mistakes; and there appears plainly a rule and method of deviation, it will be very possible, when this method is well known, to decipher what is covertly alluded to; and by these means arrive at the truth. If the openings in the wood or labyrinth are only as chance allotted, we may be for ever bewildered: but if they are made with design, and some method be discernible, this circumstance, if attended to, will serve for a clue, and lead us through the maze. If we once know that what the Greeks in their mythology stiled a wolf, was the Sun; that by a dog was meant a prince, or Deity; that by bees was signified an order of priests; these terms, however misapplied, can no more mislead us in writing, than their resemblances in sculpture would a native of Egypt, if they were used for emblems on stone.

Thus much I have been obliged to premise: as our knowledge must come through the hands of the <sup>ss</sup> Grecians. I am sensible, that many learned men have had recourse to

<sup>ss</sup> I do not mean to exclude the Romans: though I have not mentioned them; as the chief of the knowledge, which they afford, is the product of Greece. However it must be confessed, that we are under great obligations to Pliny, Marcellinus, Arnobius, Tertullian, Lactantius, Jerome, Macrobius; and many others. They contain many necessary truths, wherever they may have obtained them.

other.



other means for information : but I have never seen any specimens, which have afforded much light. Those, to which I have been witness, have rather dazzled than illustrated ; and bewildered instead of conducting to the truth. Among the Greeks is contained a great treasure of knowledge. It is a rich mine ; which as yet has not been worked far beneath the surface. The ore lies deep, and cannot be obtained without much industry and labour. The Helladians had the best opportunities to have afforded us information about the antiquities of their country : of their negligence, and of their mistakes I have spoken ; yet with a proper clue they may still be read to great advantage. To say the truth, there is scarce an author of them all, from whom some good may not be derived.

What has been wanting in the natives of Greece, has been greatly supplied by writers of that nation from other countries, who lived in after-times. Of these the principal have been mentioned ; and many others might be added, who were men of integrity and learning. They were fond of knowledge, and obtained a deep insight into antiquity : and what is of the greatest consequence, they were attached to the truth. They may sometimes have been mistaken in their judgment : they may also have been deceived : but still truth was the scope, at which they aimed. They have accordingly transmitted to us many valuable remains, which, but for them, had been buried in oblivion. There are likewise many pagan authors, to whom we are greatly indebted ; but especially to Strabo and Pausanias ; who in their different departments have afforded wonderful light. Nor must we



omit Josephus of Judea ; whose treatise against Apion must be esteemed of inestimable value : indeed all his writings are of consequence, if read with a proper allowance.

I have mentioned, that it is my purpose to give a history of the first ages ; and to shew the origin of many nations, whose descent has been mistaken ; or else totally unknown. I shall speak particularly of one great family, which diffused itself over many parts of the earth ; from whom the rites and mysteries, and almost the whole science of the Gentile world, were borrowed. But as I venture in an unbeaten track, and in a waste, which has been little frequented ; I shall first take upon me to treat of things near at hand, before I advance to remoter discoveries. I shall therefore speak of those rites and customs, and of the nations, where they prevailed ; as I shall by these means be led insensibly to the discovery of the people, from whom they were derived. By a similitude of customs, as well as by the same religious terms, observable in different countries, it will be easy to shew a relation, which subsisted between such people, however widely dispersed. They will be found to have been colonies of the same family ; and to have come ultimately from the same place. As my course will be in great measure an uphill labour, I shall proceed in the manner, which I have mentioned ; continually enlarging my prospect, till I arrive at the point I aim at.

It may be proper to mention to the reader that the following treatises were not written in the order, in which they now stand ; but just as the subject matter presented itself before me. As many, which were first composed, will occur last, I have been forced to anticipate some of the arguments,



as well as quotations, which they contained, according as I found it expedient. Hence there will be some few instances of repetition, which however I hope will not give any great disgust : as what is repeated, was so interwoven in the argument, that I could not well disengage it from the text, where it occurs a second time.

There will also be found some instances, where I differ from myself, and go contrary to positions in a former treatise. These are very few, and of no great moment ; being such as would probably escape the reader's notice. But I think it more ingenuous, and indeed my strict duty, to own my mistakes, and point them out, rather than to pass them over in silence ; or idly to defend them.







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SOME NECESSARY  
RULES and OBSERVATIONS  
IN RESPECT TO  
ETYMOLOGICAL INQUIRIES;  
AND FOR  
The better understanding the MYTHOLOGY of  
GREECE.

**W**E must never deduce the etymology of an Egyptian or oriental term from the Greek language. Eustathius well observes, *Εἰ βάρβαρον τὸ ὄνομα ὁ χρὴ ζητεῖν Ἑλληνικὴν ἐτυμολογίαν αὐτοῦ.*

We should recur to the Doric manner of expression, as being nearest to the original.

The Greeks adopted all foreign history; and supposed it to have been of their own country.

They mistook temples for Deities; and places for persons.

They



They changed every foreign term to something similar in their own language : to something similar in sound, however remote in meaning, being led solely by the ear.

They constantly mistook titles for names: and from these titles multiplied their Deities, and Heroes.

All terms of relation between the Deities to be disregarded.

As the Grecians were mistaken ; it is worth our while to observe the mode of error, and uniformity of mistake. By attending to this we may bring things back to their primitive state ; and descry in ancient terms the original meaning.

We must have regard to the oblique cases, especially in nouns imparasyllabic, when we have an ancient term transmitted to us either from the Greeks, or Romans. The nominative in both languages, is often abridged: so that from the genitive of the word, or from the possessive, the original term is to be deduced. This will be found to obtain even in common names. From *veteris* we have *vet* for the true term : from *sanguinis* we have *sanguen* : and that this is right we may prove from Ennius, who says :

<sup>56</sup> O ! pater, O ! genitor, O ! sanguen diis oriundum.

<sup>57</sup> Cum veter occubuit Priamus sub marte Pelasgo.

So *mentis*, and not *mens*, was the true nominative to *mentis*, *menti*, *mentem*: as we may learn from the same author.

<sup>58</sup> Iftic est de sole sumptus ignis, isque mentis est.

<sup>56</sup> Ennii Annales l. 2.

<sup>57</sup> Ibidem. l. 1.

<sup>58</sup> Apud Ennii fragmenta.



In like manner Plebes was the nominative to Plebi and Plebem.

Deficit alma Ceres, nec plebes pane potitur. Lucilius.

All the common departments of the Deities are to be set aside, as inconsistent, and idle. Pollux will be found a judge; Ceres a law-giver; Bacchus the God of the year; Neptune a physician; and Æsculapius the God of thunder: and this not merely from the poets: but from the best mythologists of the Grecians; from those, who wrote professedly upon the subject.

I have observed before, that the Grecians in foreign words often changed the Nu final to Sigma. For Keren, they wrote *Κερας*: for Cohen, *Κωνς*: for Athon, *Αθως*: for Boun, *Βςς*: for Sain, *Σαïs*.

People of old were stiled the children of the God, whom they worshiped: hence they were at last thought to have been his real offspring; and he was looked up to as the true parent. On the contrary, Priests were represented as foster-fathers to the Deity, before whom they ministered; and Priestesses were stiled *τιθνηαι*, or nurses.

Colonies always went out under the patronage and title of some Deity. This conducting God was in after times supposed to have been the real leader.

Sometimes the whole merit of a transaction was imputed to this Deity solely; who was represented under the character of Perseus, Dionusus, or Hercules. Hence instead of one person we must put a people: and the history will be found consonant to the truth.



As the Græcians made themselves principals in many great occurrences, which were of another country ; we must look abroad for the original, both of their rites and mythology ; and apply to the nations, from whence they were derived. Their original history was foreign ; and ingrafted upon the history of the country, where they settled. This is of great consequence, and repeatedly to be considered.

One great mistake too frequently prevails among people, who deal in these researches, which must be carefully avoided. We should never make use of a language, which is modern, or comparatively modern, to deduce the etymology of ancient, and primitive terms. Pezron applies to the modern Teutonic, which he styles the Celtic, and says, was the language of Jupiter. But who was Jupiter, and what has the modern Celtic to do with the history of Egypt, or Chaldea ? There was an interval of two thousand years between the times, of which he treats, and any history of the Celtæ : and there is still an interval not very much inferior to the former, before we arrive at the æra of the language, to which he applies.

It has been the custom of those writers, who have been versed in the Oriental languages, to deduce their etymologies from roots ; which are often some portion of a verb. But the names of places and of persons are generally an assemblage of qualities, and titles ; such as I have exhibited in the treatise above : and I believe were never formed by such evolutions. The terms were obvious, and in common use ; taken from some well known characteristics. Those, who imposed  
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such names, never thought of a root: and probably did not know the purport of the term. Whoever therefore in etymology has recourse to this method of investigation, seems to me to act like a person, who should seek at the fountain head for a city, which stood at the mouth of a river.







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S H O R T A C C O U N T  
O F T H E  
HELLADIANS, and their ORIGIN;

In order to obviate some Objections.

**A**S I have mentioned, that the Helladians came from Egypt, and the east; it may be proper to obviate an objection, which may be made, to the account I give; as if it were contradictory to the tenor of the scriptures, as they are in general understood. Greece, and the islands of Greece, are continually supposed, from the account given by Moses<sup>59</sup>, to have been peopled by the sons of Japhet; and there is scarce any body, either ancient or modern, who has touched upon this subject, but has imagined Javan to have been the same as Ion, the son of Xuth, from whom the Ionians were descended. This latter point I shall not controvert at present. In respect to the former, the account given in the scriptures is undoubtedly most true. The sons of Japhet did

<sup>59</sup> Genesis. c. 10. v. 5.



people the isles of the Gentiles ; by which is meant the regions of Greece and Europe, separated in great measure from the Asiatic continent by the intervention of the sea. They certainly were the first inhabitants of those countries. But the Helladians, though by family Ionians, were not of this race. They came afterwards ; and all their best writers agree, that when their ancestors made their way into these provinces, they were possessed by a prior people. Who these were is no where uniformly said : only they agree to term them in general Βαρβαροι, or a rude, uncivilized people. As my system depends greatly upon this point ; to take away every prejudice to my opinion, I will in some degree anticipate, what I shall hereafter more fully prove. I accordingly submit to the reader the following evidences ; which are comparatively few, if we consider, what might be brought to this purpose. These are to shew, that the Helladians were of a different race from the sons of Japhet : and that the country, when they came to it, was in the possession of another people : which people they distinguished from themselves by the title of Βαρβαροι.

Ἐκαταίος μὲν οὖν ὁ Μιλησιος περὶ τῆς Πελοποννησῆς φησιν, ὅτι πρὸ τῶν Ἑλλήνων ὤκησαν αὐτὴν Βαρβαροι· σχεδὸν δὲ τι καὶ ἡ συμπασα Ἑλλὰς κατοικία Βαρβαρῶν ὑπεῖχεται τὸ παλαιόν. Strabo. l. 7. p. 321.

Εἰσὶ δὲ ἡμῶν ἀρχαιότεροι Βαρβαροι. Plato in Cratylus. vol. 1. p. 425.

Παλαιὰ τῆς νῦν καλεμένης Ἑλλάδος Βαρβαροι τὰ πολλὰ ὤκησαν. Pausanias. l. 1. p. 100.

Ἀρκαδίων



Αρκαδῖαν Βαρβάρους ὤκησαν. Scholia Apollonii Rhod. l. 3. v. 461.

Diodorus mentions, Αθηναῖες—ἀποικῆς Σαΐτων τῶν ἐξ Αἰγυπτῶ. l. 1. p. 24.

Again—Γενομένοι δὲ καὶ τῶν ἡγεμονῶν τινὰς Αἰγυπτίους παρὰ τοῖς Αθηναίοις. ibidem.

Africanus having spoken of the Egyptian rites, says, Ὅτι τε Αθηναῖες τῶν αὐτῶν Αἰγυπτίοις ἀπολαβεῖν εἰκὸς ἦν, ἀποικῆς ἐκείνων ἀπονοσθόμενες, ὥς φασιν ἄλλοι τε, καὶ ἐν τῷ Τρικαρηνῶ Θεοπομπῶς. Apud Euseb. Præp. Evan. l. x. c. x. p. 491.

Concerning persons from Egypt.

ΚεκροΨ, Αἰγυπτίος ὢν, δύο γλώσσας ἠπίστατο. Cedrenus. p. 82.

ΚεκροΨ, Αἰγυπτίος τὸ γένος, ὤκησε τὰς Αθήνας. Scholia Aristoph. Pluti.

Ὡς δὲ ἀπὸ Σαείως πόλεως Αἰγυπτίας,  
Μετὰ τὸν κατὰ Ωγυγον κατακλυσμὸν ἐκείνον,  
Ὁ ΚεκροΨ παρεγγεγονεν Αθηναῖς τῆς Ἑλλάδος. J. Tzetzes, Chil. v. hist. 18.

ΚεκροΨ, Αἰγυπτίος τὸ γένος, ὤκησε τὰς Αθήνας. Suidas.

Pausanias mentions Λελεγὰ ἀφικομένον ἐξ Αἰγυπτῶ. l. 1. p. 95.

Ereätheus from Egypt. Καὶ τὸν Ἐρεχθεὰ λέγουσι τὸ γένος Αἰγυπτίον ὄντα. Diodorus. l. 1. p. 25.

Triptolemus from thence, who had been the companion of Osiris. Diodorus. l. 1. p. 17. He gave the Athenians laws



laws. Porphyry mentions *Των Αθηνησι νομοθετων Τριπτολεμον*. Abſtinent. l. 4. p. 431.

It is ſaid, that Danaus was a native of the city Chemmis; from whence he made his expedition to Greece. *Δαναος Χεμμιτης*. Herodotus. l. 2. c. 91.

Navem primus ex Ægypto Danaus advexit. Pliny. l. 7. c. 56. He brought a colony with him. *Λεγουσι δε τους περι Δαναον ορμηθεντας ομοιως εκειθεν*, ſcil. *εξ Αιγυπτου*. Diodorus. l. 1. p. 24.

All the heads of the Dorian race from Egypt. *Φαινοιατο αν εοντες οι των Δωριων ηγεμονες Αιγυπτιοι ιθαγενεις*. Herodotus. l. 6. c. 53.

The Lacedæmonians eſteemed themſelves of the ſame family as the Caphtorim of Paleſtine: hence they ſurmised, that they were related to the Jews. 1 Maccabees. c. 12. v. 20, 21. Joſephus: A. J. l. 12. c. 4. p. 606. Perſeus was ſuppoſed to have been a foreigner. *Ως δε ο Περſεων λαγος λεγεται, αυτος ο Περſευσ εων Αſσυριος εγενετο Ελλην*. Herodotus. l. 6. c. 54.

It is ſaid of Cadmus, that he came originally from Egypt, in company with Phœnix. *Καδμος και Φοινιξ απο Θηβων των Αιγυπτιων*. Euseb. Chron. p. 15.

Eusebius in another place mentions the arrival of Cadmus with a company of Saitæ. They founded Athens, the principal city of Greece; alſo Thebes in Bœotia. They were of Egypt; but he ſays, that they came laſt from Sidon. It is in a paſſage, where he ſpeaks of a former race in Attica before thoſe of Egypt called Saitæ: *Πλην των μετοικησαντων υſερον*.

εκει.



ἐκεῖ Σαῖτων, καὶ κατοικήσαντων τὴν τῆς Ἑλλάδος μητροπολιν Ἀθῆνας, καὶ τὰς Θῆβας. Σιδωνίων γὰρ ἔτοι ἀποικοὶ ἐκ Καδμείης Ἀγηνόρος. Chron. p. 14. The ancient Athenians worshiped Isis: and were in their looks, and in their manners particularly like the Egyptians. Καὶ ταῖς ἰδέαις, καὶ τοῖς ἡθεσὶν ὁμοιοτάτως εἶναι τοῖς Αἰγυπτίοις. The whole of their polity was plainly borrowed from that country. Diod. Sic. l. 1. p. 24, 25, 26.

It is said by Sanchoniathon, that Cronus, in his travels over the earth in company with his daughter Athena, came to Attica; which he bestowed upon her. Euseb. P. E. lib. 1. c. 10. p. 38.

This is not unlike the account given by the Scholiast upon Lycophron concerning Cecrops: from whence the legend may receive some light. Ἐλθὼν αὖ (ὁ Κεκροψ) ἀπὸ Σαείως πόλεως Αἰγυπτὸς τὰς Ἀθῆνας συνώκισε. Σαῖς δὲ κατ' Αἰγυπτίους ἡ Ἀθῆνα λεγεται, ὡς φησὶν Χαραξ. Lycoph. v. 111. Schol.

Hence it is, that almost the whole of the mythology of Greece is borrowed from Egypt. Καθολὰς δὲ, φησὶ, τὰς Ἑλλήνας ἐξιδίασεσθαι τὰς ἐπιφανεσάτας Αἰγυπτίων Ἡρώας τε, καὶ Θεάς. Diodorus. l. 1. p. 20. All their rites and ceremonies from the same quarter.

Πανηγυρίας δὲ αἶσα, καὶ πομπὰς, καὶ προσαγωγὰς πρῶτοι ἀνθρώπων Αἰγυπτιοὶ εἰσιν, οἱ ποιησάμενοι, καὶ παρὰ τούτων Ἕλληνες μεμαθήκασι. Herod. l. 3. c. 58.

Ἐπεὶτα χρόνῳ πολλῷ διελθόντος, ἐπύθοντο (οἱ Ἕλληνες) ἐκ τῆς Αἰγυπτὸς ἀπικομένα τὰ οὐνοματὰ τῶν Θεῶν. Herod. l. 2. c. 52. See also l. 2. c. 4.



Και παντα τα ονοματα των Θεων εξ Αιγυπτου εληλυθε ες την Έλλαδα. Herod. l. 2. c. 50. Hence it is said that the Corybantes with their mother Comba came and settled at Athens: Κομβης έπτατοκε μετα μητερος. Nonni Dionys. l. 13. And that the priests at Athens, stiled Eumolpidæ, were from Egypt. Diodorus Siculus. l. 1. p. 25. One of the Egyptians, who brought these rites to Greece, is mentioned under the name of Melampus: as the Egyptians are in general under the character of Melampodes. Έλλησι γαρ δη Μελαμπες εσιν, ο εξηγησαμενος τε Διονυσου ονομα, και την θυσιαν, και την πομπην τε φαλλε. Herod. l. 2. c. 49. He is likewise said to have first introduced physic: by which this only is meant, that physic too came from Egypt.

To the same purpose may be consulted Lucian de Suriâ Deâ. Πρωτοι μιν ανθρωπων Αιγυπτιοι κτλ. Eusebius. P. Evan. lib. 10. c. 4. p. 469. and c. 5. p. 473. Clemens Alexand. l. 1. p. 361, 381. Diodorus Siculus. l. 1. p. 20. p. 62, 63. and p. 86, 87. Tatianus Assyrius. p. 243, 274. Thucydides. l. 1. c. 2, 3.



A  
NEW SYSTEM:  
OR, AN  
ANALYSIS  
OF  
ANCIENT MYTHOLOGY.







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ANCIENT WORSHIP,  
AND OF  
ETYMOLOGICAL TRUTHS  
THENCE DEDUCIBLE,

Exemplified in the Names of Cities, Lakes, and  
Rivers.

Εἰσι πρὸς καὶ ποταμοὺς τιμὴ, ἡ κατ' ὠφελειαν, ὥσπερ Αἰγυπτίοις πρὸς τὸν Νεῖλον, ἡ κατὰ κάλλος, ὥς Θερταλοὺς πρὸς Πηνειὸν, ἡ κατὰ μέγεθος, ὥς Σκυθαῖς πρὸς τὸν Ἰστρον, ἡ κατὰ μῦθον, ὥς Αἰτωλοὺς πρὸς τὸν Ἀχελῶον. MAX. TYRIUS. Differt. viii. p. 81.

**A**S the divine honours paid to the Sun, and the adoration of fire, were at one time almost universal ; there will be found in most places a similitude in the terms of worship. And though this mode of idolatry took its rise in one particular part of the world ; yet as it was  
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propagated to others far remote, the stream, however widely diffused, will still favour of the fountain. Moreover, as people were determined in the choice of their holy places by those præternatural phænomena, of which I have before taken notice; if there be any truth in my system, there will be uniformly found some analogy between the name of the temple, and its rites, and situation: so that the etymology may be ascertained by the history of the place. The like will appear in respect to rivers and mountains; especially to those, which were esteemed at all sacred; and which were denominated from the Sun, and fire. I therefore flatter myself, that the etymologies, which I shall lay before the reader, will not stand single and unsupported; but there will be an apparent analogy throughout the whole. The allusion will not be casual, and remote, nor be obtained by undue inflexions, and distortions: but however complicated the name may appear, it will resolve itself easily into the original terms: and when resolved, the truth of the etymology will be ascertained by the concomitant history. If it be a Deity, or other personage, the truth will appear from his office, and department; or with the attributes imputed to him. To begin then with ancient Latium. If I should have occasion to speak of the Goddess Feronia, and of the city denominated from her, I should deduce the name from Fer-On, ignis Dei Solis: and suppose the place to have been addicted to the worship of the Sun, and the rites of fire. I accordingly find from Strabo and Pliny, that rites of this sort were practised here: and one custom, which remained even to the time of Augustus, consisted in a ceremony of the priests, who  
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used to walk barefoot over burning coals, <sup>1</sup> Γυμνοὶς γὰρ ποσὶ διεξίστην ἀνθρακίαν, καὶ σποδὶαν μεγάλην. *The priests with their feet naked walked over a large quantity of live coals, and cinders.* The town stood at the bottom of Mount Soracte, sacred to Apollo: and the priests were styled Hirpi. Aruns in Virgil, in his address to Apollo, takes notice of this custom.

<sup>2</sup> Summe Deum, magni custos Soractis, Apollo,  
 Quem primi colimus; cui pineus ardor acervo  
 Pascitur, et medium freti pietate per ignem  
 Cultores multâ premimus vestigia prunâ;  
 Da, Pater.

The temple is said to have been founded on account of a pestilential <sup>3</sup> vapour, which arose from a cavern: and to which some shepherds were conducted by (Λυκος) a wolf. Were I to attempt the deciphering of Ferentum, I should proceed in a manner analogous to that above. I should suppose it to have been named *Fer-En, ignis, vel Solis fons*, from something peculiar either in its rites, or situation. I accordingly find, that there was a sacred fountain, whose waters were styled Aquæ Ferentinæ,—cui numen etiam, et divinus cultus tributus <sup>4</sup> fuit. Here was a grove equally sacred, mentioned by <sup>5</sup> Livy, and others; where the antient Latines used to hold their chief assemblies. As this grand meeting

<sup>1</sup> Strabo. L. 5. p. 346.

<sup>2</sup> Virgil. Æn. L. xi. v. 785.

<sup>3</sup> Servius upon the foregoing passage.

<sup>4</sup> Cluver. Italia. L. 2. p. 719.

<sup>5</sup> Livy. L. 1. c. 49. Pompeius Festus.



used to be in a place denominated from fire, it was the cause of those councils being called *Feriæ Latinæ*. The fountain, which ran through the grove, arose at the foot of mount<sup>6</sup> Albanus, and afterwards formed many<sup>7</sup> pools.

The ancient Cuthites, and the Persians after them, had a great veneration for fountains, and streams; which also prevailed among other nations, so as to have been at one time almost universal. Of this regard among the Persians Herodotus takes notice: <sup>8</sup> Σεβονται ποταμους των παντων μαλιστα; *Of all things in nature they reverence rivers most.* But if these rivers were attended with any nitrous, or saline quality, or with any fiery eruption, they were adjudged to be still more sacred; and ever distinguished with some title of the Deity. The natives of Egypt had the like veneration. *Other nations*, says<sup>9</sup> Athanasius, *reverenced rivers, and fountains; but above all people in the world the Egyptians held them in the highest honour, and esteemed them as divine.* Julius Firmicus gives the same account of them. <sup>10</sup> *Ægyptii aquæ*

<sup>†</sup> Not far from hence was a district called *Ager Solonus*. Sol-On is a compound of the two most common names given to the Sun; to whom the place and waters were sacred.

<sup>7</sup> Dionysius Halicarnassensis. L. 3.

<sup>8</sup> Herodotus. L. 1. c. 138.

Θυβσι δε και υδατι και ανεμοισιν (οι Περσαι). Herodotus. L. 1. c. 131.

Ridetis temporibus priscis Persas fluvium coluisse. Arnobius adversus Gentes. L. 6. p. 196.

<sup>9</sup> Αλλοι ποταμους και κρηνας, και παντων μαλιττα οι Αιγυπτιοι προτετιμηκασι, και θεους αναγορευσι. Athanasius adversus Gentes. P. 2.

Αιγυπτιοι υδατι θυβσι καιτοι μεν απασι καινον τοις Αιγυπτιοις το υδωρ.

Lucian. Jupiter Tragœd. V. 2. p. 223. Edit. Salmurii.

<sup>10</sup> Julius Firmicus. P. 1.



beneficium percipientes aquam colunt, aquis supplicant. From hence the custom passed westward to Greece, Italy, and the extremities of Europe. In proof of which the following inscription is to be found in Gruter :

" Vascaniæ in Hispaniâ  
F O N T I D I V I N O.

How much it prevailed among the Romans we learn from Seneca. <sup>12</sup> Magnorum fluviorum capita veneramur——coluntur aquarum calentium fontes ; et quædam stagna, quæ vel opacitas, vel immensa altitudo sacrauit. It mattered not what the nature of the water might be, if it had a peculiar quality. At Thebes in Ammonia was a fountain, which was said to have been cold by day, and warm at night. Ἡ κρηνη <sup>13</sup> καλεῖται τῆς ἡλίου. *It was named the fountain of the Sun.* In Campania was a fountain Virena ; which I should judge to be a compound of Vir-En, and to signify ignis fons, from being dedicated to the Deity of fire on account of some particular quality. I accordingly find in <sup>14</sup> Vitruvius, that it was a medicinal spring and of a strong vitriolic nature. The Corinthians had in their Acropolis a <sup>15</sup> Pirene, of the same purport as Virena, just mentioned. It was a beautiful fountain sacred to Apollo, whose <sup>16</sup> image was at the head of the water within a sacred inclosure. We read of a Pyrene, which

<sup>12</sup> Gruter. Inscript. vol. 1. p. xciv.

<sup>13</sup> Senecæ Epist. 41.

<sup>14</sup> Herodotus. l. 4. c. 181. The true name was probably Curene, or Curane.

<sup>15</sup> Vitruvij Architect. l. 8. p. 163.

<sup>16</sup> Pliny. l. 4. c. 4. p. 100. Ovid. Metamorph. l. 2.

<sup>16</sup> Pausanias. l. 2. p. 107. ὅτι γὰρ δὴ καὶ Ἀπολλωνος ἀγάλμα πρὸς τῇ Πειρήνῃ, καὶ περιβόλος ἐστίν.

Pirene and Virene the same name.



was a fountain of another nature: yet of the same etymology, however differently expressed: It was a mountain, and gave name to the vast ridge, called Saltus Pyrenæi. It is undoubtedly a compound of <sup>16</sup> Pur-ain, and signifies a fountain of fire. I should imagine without knowing the history of the country, that this mountain once flamed; and that the name was given from this circumstance. Agreeably to this I find from Aristotele de Mirabilibus, that here was formerly an eruption of fire. The same is mentioned by Posidonius in Strabo: and also by Diodorus; who adds—<sup>17</sup> Τα μὲν οὖν διὰ τὸ συμβεβηκός κληθῆναι Πυρηναία. *That the mountains from hence had the name of Pyrenæi.* Mount Ætna is derived very truly by Bochart from Aituna, fornax; as being a reservoir of molten matter. There was another very ancient name, Ineffus; by which the natives called the hill, as well as the city, which was towards the bottom of it. The name is a compound of Ain-Es, like Hanes in Egypt; and signifies a fountain of fire. It is called Ennesia by Diodorus; who says, that this name was afterwards changed to Ætna. He speaks of the city; but the name was undoubtedly borrowed from the mountain, to which it was primarily applicable, and upon which it was originally conferred: <sup>18</sup> Καὶ τὴν νῦν οὖσαν Αἰτνὴν ἐκτησαντο, πρὸ τούτου καλεσμένην Ἐννησίαν. Strabo expresses the name Innesa, and informs us more precisely, that the upper part of the mountain was so called. Οἱ δὲ <sup>19</sup> Αἰτναῖοι παρὰ-

<sup>16</sup> Pur, Pir, Phur, Vir: all signify fire.

<sup>17</sup> Diodorus Siculus. l. 5. p. 312.

<sup>18</sup> Diodorus Siculus. l. xi. p. 57.

<sup>19</sup> Strabo. l. 6. p. 412.



χωρησαντες την Ιννησαν καλεμενην, της Αιτνης ορεινην, ωκησαν.  
*Upon this the people withdrawing themselves went and occupied the upper part of Mount Ætna, which was called Innesa.*  
 The city Hanes in Egypt was of the same etymology; being denominated from the Sun, who was stiled Hanes, Ain-Es, fons ignis fide lucis. It was the same as the Arab Heliopolis, called now Matarca. Stephanus Byzantinus calls the city Inys: for that is manifestly the name he gives it, if we take away the Greek termination. <sup>20</sup> *Ινυσσος, πολις Αιγυπτου*: but Herodotus, <sup>21</sup> from whom he borrows, renders it Iënis. It would have been more truly rendered Doricè Iänis; for that was nearer to the real name. The historian however points it out plainly, by saying, that it was three days journey from mount <sup>22</sup> Casius; and that the whole way was through the Arabian desert. This is a situation, which agrees with no other city in all Egypt, except that, which was the Onium of the later Jews. With this it accords precisely. There seem to have been two cities named On from the worship of the Sun. One was called Zan, Zon, and Zoan, in the land of Go-zan, the <sup>23</sup> Goshen of the scriptures. The other was the city On in Arabia;

<sup>20</sup> Stephanus says, that it was near mount Casius: but Herodotus expressly tells us, that it was at the distance of three days journey from it:

<sup>21</sup> *Απο ταυτης τα εμπορια τα επι θαλασσης μεχρι Ιννισα πολις εστι τε Αραβικη.* Herodotus. l. 3. c. 5.

<sup>22</sup> *Τοδε μεταξυ Ιννισα πολις, και Κασια τε βρεος, και της Σερβωνιδος λιμνης, εστι εκ ολιγον χωριον, αλλ' οσον επι τρεις ημερας οδον, αινοδρον εστι δεινως.* Herodotus. ibidem.

<sup>23</sup> Go-zan is the place or temple of the Sun. I once thought that Goshen, or, as it is sometimes expressed, Gozan, was the same as Cusshan: but I was certainly mistaken. The district of Goshen was indeed the nome of Cusshan: but



Arabia ; called also Hanes. They were within eight or nine miles of each other : and are both mentioned together by the prophet <sup>24</sup> *Isaiah*. *For his princes were at Zoan ; and his ambassadors came to Hanes*. The name of each of these cities, on account of the similitude of worship, has by the Greeks been translated <sup>25</sup> *Heliopolis* ; which has caused great confusion in the history of Egypt. The latter of the two was the *Iänis*, or *Ιᾶνισος*, of the Greeks ; so called from Hanes, the great fountain of light, the Sun : who was worshiped under that title by the Egyptians and Arabians. It lies now quite in ruins, close to the village *Matarea*, which has risen from it. The situation is so pointed out, that we cannot be mistaken : and we find moreover, which is a circumstance very remarkable, that it is at this day called by the Arabians *Ain El Sham*, the fountain of the Sun ; a name precisely of the same purport as Hanes. Of this we are informed by the learned geographer, *D'Anville*, and others ; though the name by different travellers is expressed with some variation.

<sup>26</sup> *Cette ville presque ensevelie sous des ruines, et voisine, dit Abulfeda, d'un petit lieu nommé Matarea, conserve dans les géographies Arabes le nom d'Ainsiems ou du fontain du So-*

the two words are not of the same purport. *Goshen* is the same as *Go-shan*, and *Go-zan*, analogous to *Beth-shan*, and signifies the place of the Sun. *Goshen*, *Go-shan*, *Go-zan*, and *Gau-zan*, are all variations of the same name. In respect to *On*, there were two cities so called. The one was in Egypt, where *Poti-phaera* was Priest. *Genesis*. c. 41. v. 45. The other stood in Arabia, and is mentioned by the *Seventy* : *Ὡν, ἣ ἐστὶν Ἡλιεπολις*. *Exodus*. c. 1. v. 11. This was also called *Onium*, and Hanes, the *Iänisus* of *Herodotus*.

<sup>24</sup> *Isaiah*. c. 30. v. 4.

<sup>25</sup> See *Observations upon the Ancient History of Egypt*. p. 124. p. 137.

<sup>26</sup> *D'Anville Memoires sur l'Egypt*. p. 114.



leil. A like account is given by Egmont and <sup>27</sup> Hayman; though they express the name Ain El Cham: a variation of little consequence. The reason, why the ancient name has been laid aside by those who reside there, is undoubtedly this. Bochart tells us, that since the religion of Mahomet has taken place, the Arabs look upon Hanes as the devil: <sup>28</sup> proinde ab ipsis ipse Dæmon הנחש vocatur. Hence they have abolished Hanes: but the name Ain El Cham, of the same purport, they have suffered to remain.

I have before taken notice of an objection liable to be made from a supposition, that if Hanes signified *the fountain of light*, as I have presumed, it would have been differently expressed in the Hebrew. This is a strange fallacy; but yet very predominant. Without doubt those learned men, who have preceded in these researches, would have bid fair for noble discoveries, had they not been too limited, and biassed, in their notions. But as far as I am able to judge, most of those, who have engaged in inquiries of this nature, have ruined the purport of their labours through some prevailing prejudice. They have not considered, that every other nation, to which we can possibly gain access, or from whom we have any history derived, appears to have expressed foreign terms differently from the natives, in whose language they were found. And without a miracle the Hebrews must have done the same. We pronounce all French names differently from the people of that country: and they do the

<sup>27</sup> Travels. vol. 2. p. 107. It is by them expressed Ain el Cham, and appropriated to the obelisk: but the meaning is plain.

<sup>28</sup> Bochart. Geog. Sacra. l. 1. c. 35. p. 638.



same in respect to us. What we call London, they express Londres: England they stile Angleterre. What some call Bazil, they pronounce Bal: Munchen, Munich: Mentz, Mayence: Ravenspurg, Ratibon. The like variation was observable of old. Carthago of the Romans was Carchedon among the Greeks. Hannibal was rendered Annibas: Afdrubal, Afdroubas: and probably neither was consonant to the Punic mode of expression. If then a prophet were to rise from the dead, and preach to any nation, he would make use of terms adapted to their idiom and usage; without any retrospect to the original of the terms, whether they were domestic, or foreign. The sacred writers undoubtedly observed this rule towards the people, for whom they wrote; and varied in their expressing of foreign terms; as the usage of the people varied. For the Jewish nation at times differed from its neighbours, and from itself. We may be morally certain, that the place, rendered by them Ekron, was by the natives called Achoron; the Accaron, *Ακκαρων*, of Josephus, and the Seventy. What they termed Philistim, was Pelestin: Eleazar, in their own language, they changed to Lazar, and Lazarus: and of the Greek *συνεδριον* they formed Sanhedrim. Hence we may be certified, that the Jews, and their ancestors, as well as all nations upon earth, were liable to express foreign terms with a variation, being led by a natural peculiarity in their mode of speech. They therefore are surely to be blamed, who would deduce the orthography of all ancient words from the Hebrew; and bring every extraneous term to that test. It requires no great in-



fight into that language to see the impropriety of such procedure. Yet no prejudice has been more <sup>29</sup> common. The learned Michaelis has taken notice of this <sup>30</sup> fatal attachment, and speaks of it as a strange illusion. He says, that *it is the reigning influenza, to which all are liable, who make the Hebrew their principal study*. The only way to obtain the latent purport of ancient terms is by a fair analysis. This must be discovered by an apparent analogy; and supported by the history of the place, or person, to whom the terms relate. If such helps can be obtained; we may determine very truly the etymology of an Egyptian or Syriac name; however it may appear repugnant to the orthography of the Hebrews. The term Hanes is not so uncommon as may be imagined. Zeus was worshipped under this title in Greece, and stiled Ζεὺς Αἰνησίος. The Scholiast upon Apollonius Rhodius mentions his temple, and terms it <sup>31</sup> Δῖος Αἰνησίδι ἱερὸν-ὃ μνημονεύει καὶ Λέων ἐν περιπλῶ, καὶ Δημοσθενὴς ἐν λιμεσὶ. It is also taken notice of by Strabo, who speaks of a mountain Hanes, where the temple stood. <sup>32</sup> Μεγίστον δὲ ὄρος ἐν αὐτῇ Αἶνος (lege Αἰνῆς) ἐν ᾧ τὸ τῷ Δῖος Αἰνησίδι ἱερὸν. The mountain of Zeus Ainefius must have been Aines, and not Ainos; though it occurs so in our present copies of Strabo. The Scholiast above quotes a verse from Hesiod, where the Poet stiles the Deity Αἰνησίος.

<sup>29</sup> See Page 59. notes.

<sup>30</sup> Dissertation of the influence of opinion upon language, and of language upon opinion. Sect. vi. p. 67. of the translation.

<sup>31</sup> Scholia upon Apollonius. l. 2. v. 297.

<sup>32</sup> Strabo. l. 10. p. 700.



Ενθ' οἷγ' ευχεσθην Αἰνῆϊα ὑψιμεδοντι.

Aineïus, and Ainefius are both alike from Hanes, the Deity of Egypt, whose rites may be traced in various parts. There were places named Aineas, and Ainesia in Thrace; which are of the same original. This title occurs sometimes with the prefix Ph'anes: and the Deity so called was by the early theologists thought to have been of the highest antiquity. They esteemed him the same as <sup>33</sup> Ouranus, and Dionufus: and went so far as to give him a creative <sup>34</sup> power, and to deduce all things from him. The Grecians from Phanes formed Φαναιος, which they gave as a title both to <sup>35</sup> Zeus, and Apollo. In this there was nothing extraordinary, for they were both the same God. In the north of Italy was a district called Ager <sup>36</sup> Pisanus. The etymology of this name is the same as that of Hanes, and Phanes; only the terms are reversed. It signifies ignis fons: and in confirmation of this etymology I have found the place to have been famous for its hot streams, which are mentioned by Pliny under the name of Aquæ Pisanæ. Cuma in Campania was certainly denominated from Chum, heat, on account of its soil, and situation. Its medicinal <sup>37</sup> waters are

<sup>33</sup> Orphyc Hymn 4.

<sup>34</sup> Οἱ θεολογοὶ—εν γε τῷ Φανητι την δημιουργικην αιτιαν ανυμνησαν. Orphic Fragment 8. from Proclus in Timæum.

<sup>35</sup> Συ μοι Ζεὺς ὁ Φαναιος ἤκεις. Eurip. Rhesus. v. 355.

Φαναιος Απολλων εν Χιοις. Hesych.

<sup>36</sup> Pliny. l. 2. c. 106. p. 120.

<sup>37</sup> Λετρα τε παρεχει το χωριον θερμα, γηθεν αυτοματα ανιοντα. Josephi Antiq. l. 18. c. 14.



well known; which were called *Aquæ Cumanæ*. The term *Cumana* is not formed merely by a Latine inflection; but consists of the terms *Cumain*, and signifies a hot fountain; or a fountain of *Chum*, or *Cham*, the Sun. The country about it was called *Phlegra*; and its waters are mentioned by *Lucretius*.

<sup>39</sup> *Qualis apud Cumas locus est, montemque Vesevum,  
Oppleti calidis ubi fumant fontibus auctus.*

Here was a cavern, which of old was a place of prophecy. It was the seat of the *Sibylla Cumana*; who was supposed to have come from <sup>40</sup> *Babylonia*. As *Cuma* was properly *Cuman*; so *Baiæ* was *Baian*; and *Alba* near mount *Albanus*<sup>41</sup>, *Alban*: for the Romans often dropped the *n* final. *Pisa* so celebrated in *Elis* was originally *Pisan*, of the same purport as the *Aquæ Pisanæ* above. It was so called from a sacred fountain, to which only the name can be primarily applicable: and we are assured by *Strabo* <sup>42</sup> *Τὴν κρηνὴν Πισαν εἰσηθαι*, that the fountain had certainly the name of *Pisan*. I have mentioned that Mount *Pyrene* was so called from being a fountain of fire: such mountains often have hot streams in their vicinity, which are generally of great utility. Such we find to have been in *Aquitania* at the foot of this mountain, which were called *Thermæ Onesæ*; and are mentioned by *Strabo*, as <sup>43</sup> *Θέρμα καλλισὰ ποτιμωτατὲ ὕδατος*. What in one

<sup>39</sup> *Lucretius*. l. 6.

<sup>40</sup> *Justin Martyr*. Cohort. p. 33.

<sup>41</sup> Mount *Albanus* was denominated *Al-ban* from its fountains and baths.

<sup>42</sup> *Strabo*. l. 8. 545.

<sup>43</sup> *Strabo*. l. 4. p. 290. *Onesa* signifies *solis ignis*, analogous to *Hanes*.



part of the world was termed Cumana, was in another rendered Comana. There was a grand city of this name in Cappadocia, where stood one of the noblest Puratheia in Asia. The Deity worshipped was represented as a feminine, and stiled Anait, and Anaïs; which latter is the same as Hanes. She was well known also in Persis, Mesopotamia, and at Egbatana in Media. Both An-ait, and An-ais, signifies a fountain of fire. Generally near her temples, there was an eruption of that element; particularly at Egbatana, and Arbela. Of the latter Strabo gives an account, and of the fiery matter which was near it. <sup>44</sup> Περὶ Ἀρβήλα δὲ ἐστὶ καὶ Δημητρίας πόλις· εἰθ' ἢ τὴ νάφθα πηγή, καὶ τὰ πύρα (or πυρεῖα) καὶ τὸ τῆς Ἀναιας ἱερόν.

I should take the town of Egnatia in Italy to have been of the same purport as Hanes above mentioned: for Hanes was sometimes expressed with a guttural, Hagnes; from whence came the ignis of the Romans. In Arcadia near mount Lyceus was a sacred fountain; into which one of the nymphs, which nursed Jupiter, was supposed to have been changed. It was called Hagnon, the same as Ain-On, the fount of the Sun. From Ain of the Amonians, expressed Agn, came the ἄγνος of the Greeks, which signified any thing pure and clean; purus sive castus. Hence was derived ἄγνειον, πηγαῖον· ἄγναιον, καθαρόν· ἄγνη, καθαρά: as we may learn from Hesychius. Pausanias stiles the fountain <sup>45</sup> Hagno: but it was originally Hagnon, the fountain

<sup>44</sup> Strabo. l. 16. p. 1072. see also l. 11. p. 779. and l. 12. p. 838. likewise Plutarch in Artaxerxe.

<sup>45</sup> Pausanias. l. 8. p. 678.



of the Sun: hence we learn in another place of Hesychius, ἀγνοπολειῶται, τὸ ὑπὸ ἡλίου θερεῖσθαι. The town Egnatia, which I mentioned above, stood in campis Salentinii, and at this day is called Anazo, and Anazzo. It was so named from the rites of fire: and that those customs were here practised, we may learn from some remains of them among the natives in the times of Horace and Pliny. The former calls the place by contraction <sup>46</sup> Gnatia:

Dein Gnatia Nymphis

Iratis extructa dedit risumque, jocumque;

Dum flammis sine thura liquefcere limine sacro

Persuadere cupit.

Horace speaks as if they had no fire: but according to Pliny they boasted of having a sacred and spontaneous appearance of it in their temple. <sup>47</sup> Reperitur apud auctores in Salentino oppido Egnatiâ, imposito ligno in faxum quoddam ibi sacram protinus flammam existere. From hence undoubtedly came also the name of Salentum, which is a compound of Sal-En, Solis fons; and arose from this sacred fire to which the Salentini pretended. They were Amonians, who settled here, and who came last from Crete <sup>48</sup> Τῆς δὲ Σαλεντινῆς Κρητῶν ἀποικεὶς φασί. Innumerable instances of this sort might be brought from Sicily: for this island abounded with places, which were of Amonian original. Thucydides, and other Greek writers, call them

<sup>46</sup> Horace. l. 1. sat. 5. v. 97.

<sup>47</sup> Pliny. l. 2. c. 110. p. 123.

<sup>48</sup> Strabo. l. 6. p. 430.

The ancient Salentini worshipped the Sun under the title of Man-zan, or Man-zana: by which is meant Menes, Sol. Festus in V. Octobris.



Phenicians<sup>49</sup>: *Ωκουν δε η̃ Φοινικες περι πασαν μεν Σικελιαν*. But they were a different people from those, which he supposes. Besides the term Phenician was not a name, but a title: which was assumed by people of different parts; as I shall shew. The district, upon which the Grecians conferred it, could not have supplied people sufficient to occupy the many regions, which the Phenicians were supposed to have possessed. It was an appellation, by which no part of Canaan was called by the ancient and true inhabitants: nor was it ever admitted, and in use, till the Grecians got possession of the coast. It was even then limited to a small tract; to the coast of Tyre and Sidon.

If so many instances may be obtained from the west, many more will be found, as we proceed towards the east; from whence these terms were originally derived. Almost all the places in Greece were of oriental etymology; or at least from Egypt. I should suppose that the name of Methane in the Peloponnesus had some relation to a fountain, being compounded of Meth-an, the fountain of the Egyptian Deity, Meth, whom the Greeks called Μητις, Meetis.

<sup>50</sup> *Και Μητις πρωτος γενετωρ, και Εως πολυτερης.*

We learn from <sup>51</sup> Pausanias, that there was in this place a

<sup>49</sup> Thucydides. l. 6. c. 2. p. 379.

<sup>50</sup> Orphic Fragment. vi. v. 19. from Proclus. p. 366.

Μητις, divine wisdom, by which the world was framed: esteemed the same as Phanes, and Dionusos.

*Αυτος τε ο̃ Διονυσος, και Φανης, και Ηρικεπαιος.* Ibidem. p. 373.

Μητις—ἐρμηνευεται, Βελη, Φως, Ζωοδοτης—from Orpheus: Eusebij Chronicon. p. 4.

<sup>51</sup> *Ισιδος ενταυθα Ἱερον, και αγαλμα, και επι της αγορας Ἑρμης—και θερμα λωτρα.* Pausan. l. 2: p. 190.



temple and a statue of Isis, and a statue also of Hermes in the forum; and that it was situated near some hot springs. We may from hence form a judgment, why this name was given, and from what country it was imported. We find this term sometimes compounded Meth-On, of which name there was a town in <sup>51</sup> Messenia. Instances to our purpose from Greece will accrue continually in the course of our work.

One reason for holding waters so sacred arose from a notion, that they were gifted with supernatural powers. Jamblicus takes notice of many ways, by which the gift of divination was to be obtained. <sup>52</sup> *Some, says he, procure a prophetic spirit by drinking the sacred water, as is the practice of Apollo's priest at Colophon. Some by sitting over the mouth of the cavern, as the women do, who give out oracles at Delphi. Others are inspired by the vapour, which arises from the waters; as is the case of those who are priestesses at Branchidæ.* He adds<sup>53</sup>, *in respect to the oracle at Colophon, that the prophetic spirit was supposed to proceed from the water. The fountain, from whence it flowed, was in an apartment under ground; and the priest went thither to partake of the emanation.* From this history of the place we may learn the purport of the name,

<sup>51</sup> Pausanias. l. 4. p. 287.

<sup>52</sup> 'Οιδ' ὕδωρ πικντε, καθάπερ ὁ ἐν Κολοφῶνι Ἰερεὺς τῆς Κλαρίας. 'Οιδ' ἐς τομίοις παρακαθημένοι, ὡς αἱ ἐν Δελφοῖς θεσπιζουσαι. 'Οιδ' ἐξ ὕδατων ατμιζόμενοι, καθάπερ αἱ ἐν Βραγχιδῆαις Πρεσβητιδες. Jamblicus de Mysterijs. Sect. 3. c. xi. p. 72.

<sup>53</sup> Τοδε ἐν Κολοφῶνι μαντικὴν ὁμολογεῖται παρὰ πασι δια ὕδατος χηγματιζεῖν· εἶναι γὰρ πηγὴν ἐν σπηρῇ καταχθειῶ, καὶ ἀπ' αὐτῆς πλεῖν τὴν Πρεσβητήν. Jamblicus. ibid.



by which this oracular place was called. Colophon is Coloph On, tumulus Dei Solis Pythonis, and corresponds with the character given. The river, into which this fountain ran, was sacred, and named Halefus; it was also called<sup>54</sup> Anelon: An-El-On, Fons Dei Solis. Halefus is composed of well known titles of the same God.

Delos was famed for its oracle; and for a fountain sacred to the prophetic Deity. It was called<sup>55</sup> Inopus. This is a plain compound of Ain-Opus, Fons Pythonis. Places named Asopus, Elopus, and the like, are of the same analogy. The God of light, Orus, was often stiled Az-El; whence we meet with many places named Azelis, Azilis, Azila, and by apocope, Zelis, Zela, and Zeleia. In Lycia was the city Phaselis, situated upon the mountain<sup>56</sup> Chimæra; which mountain had the same name, and was sacred to the God of fire. Phaselis is a compound of Phi, which in the Amonian language is a mouth or opening; and of Azel above mentioned. Ph'Aselis signifies Os Vulcani, five apertura ignis; in other words a chasm of fire. The reason why this name was imposed may be seen in the history of the place<sup>57</sup>. Flagrât in Phaselitide Mons Chimæra, et quidem immortalibus diebus, et noctibus flammâ. Chimæra is a compound of

<sup>54</sup> Pausanias. l. 8. p. 659. *Ανελοντος τε εν Κολοφωνι και Ελεγειων ποιηται ψυκροτητα αδησι.*

<sup>55</sup> Callimachus: Hymn to Delos.

Strabo. l. 10. p. 742.

<sup>56</sup> Pliny. l. 2. c. 106. p. 122.

<sup>57</sup> Pliny above.

*Ὅτι πυρ εστιν ἐγγυς Φασηλιδος εν Λυκία αθανατον, και ὅτι αει καιεται επι πετραις, και νυκτα, και ἡμεραν.* Ctesias apud Photium. clxxiii.



Cham-Ur, the name of the Deity, whose altar stood towards the top of the <sup>58</sup> mountain. At no great distance stood Mount Argaius, which was a part of the great ridge, called Taurus. This Argaius may be either derived from Har, a mountain; or from Aur, fire. We may suppose Ar-gaius to signify Mons cavus: or rather *ignis cavitas*, five *Vulcani domus*, a name given from its being hollow, and at the same time a reservoir of fiery matter. The history of the mountain may be seen in Strabo; who says, that it was immensely high, and ever covered with snow; it stood in the vicinity of Comana, Castabala, Cæsarea, and Tyana: and all the country about it abounded with fiery <sup>59</sup> eruptions. But the most satisfactory idea of this mountain may be obtained from coins, which were struck in its vicinity; and particularly <sup>60</sup> describe it, both as an hollow, and an inflamed mountain.

In Thrace was a region called Pæonia, which seems to have had its name from P'Eon, the God of light <sup>61</sup>. The natives of these parts were stiled both Peonians, and Pierians; which names equally relate to the Sun. Agreeably to this Maximus Tyrius tells us, that they particularly worshipped that luminary: and adds, that they had no image; but instead of it used to suspend upon an high pole a disk of metal; pro-

<sup>58</sup> Παντες, ες ος Φοινικαν εδς περι παγυ νεμονται,  
Αιτυ τε Μασσηυτοιο ροον, βωμον τε Χιμα'ρας. L. 3.

<sup>59</sup> Strabo. l. 12. p. 812. For the purport of Gaius, domus vel cavitas, See Radicals. p. 67.

<sup>60</sup> Patinæ Numismata Imperatorum. p. 180. l. 194.

<sup>61</sup> He was called both Peon, and Peor: and the country from him Peonia and Pieria. The chief cities were Alorus, Aineas, Chamfa, Methone: all of oriental etymology.



bably of fine gold, as they were rich in that mineral : and before this they performed their <sup>62</sup> adoration.

There is an apparent analogy between the names of places farther east ; whose inhabitants were all worshippers of the Sun. Hence most names are an assemblage of his titles. Such is Cyrestia, Chalybon, Comana, Ancura, Cocalia, Cabyra, Arbela, Amida, Emesa, Edeffa, and the like. Emesa is a compound of Ham-Es : The natives are said by Festus Avienus to have been devoted to the Sun :

<sup>63</sup> Denique flammicomo devoti pectora Soli  
Vitam agitant.

Similar to Emesa was Edeffa, or more properly Adeffa, so named from Hades, the God of light. The Emperor Julian styles the region — Ἱερὸν ἐξ αἰῶνος τῷ Ἡλίῳ <sup>64</sup> Χωρίον. This city was also from its worship stiled <sup>65</sup> Ur, Urhoc and Urchoë ; which last was probably the name of the <sup>66</sup> temple.

There were many places called Arsene, Arsine, Arfinoë, Arfiana. These were all the same name, only varied in different countries : and they were consequently of the same purport. Arfinoë is a compound of arez-ain, Solis fons :

<sup>62</sup> Παιότες σεβασί τὸν ἥλιον· ἀγαλμὰ δὲ ἥλιος Παιονικὸν δισχὺς ἑξαχὺς ὑπὲρ μακρὰ ξύλα. Maximus Tyrius, Dissert. 8. p. 87.

Of the wealth of this people, and of their skill in music and pharmacy ; See Strabo. Epitom. l. vii.

<sup>63</sup> Rufus Festus Avienus. Descrip. Orbis. v. 1083.

<sup>64</sup> Juliani Oratio in Solem. Orat. 4. p. 150.

Ἱερῶνται δὲ αὐτοὶ (Ἐδεσσηνοὶ) τῷ θεῷ Ἡλίῳ· τῆτον γὰρ οἱ ἐπιχωριοὶ σεβασί, τῇ Φεινικῶν φωνῇ Ἐλαγαβαλον καλοῦντες. Herodian. l. 3.

<sup>65</sup> Edeffeni Urchoiensis — Urhoë, ignis, lux, &c. Theoph. Sigefredi Bayeri Hist. Osrhoena. p. 4.

<sup>66</sup> Ur-choë signifies Ori domus, vel templum ; Solis Ædes.

Ur in Chaldea is by Ptolemy called Orchoe.



and most places so denominated will be found famed for some fountain. One of this name was in Syria: <sup>6</sup> *Ἀρσινόη πόλις ἐν Συρίᾳ, ἐπὶ ὄρει κείμενη. ἀπὸ δὲ τῆς ὄρεις κρήνας ἐρευνγεται πλείονας—ἀφ' ὧν ἡ πόλις ὠνομασται.* *Arfinoë is a city in Syria, situated upon a rising ground, out of which issue many streams; from hence the city had its name.* Arfine, and Arsiana in Babylonia had <sup>68</sup> fountains of bitumen. Arfene in Armenia was a nitrous lake: <sup>69</sup> *Ἀρσίνη λίμνη—νιτρίτις.* Near Arfinoë upon the Red Sea were hot streams of bitter <sup>70</sup> waters; and Arfinoë near <sup>71</sup> Ephesus had waters equally bitter.

There were many people called Hyrcani; and cities and regions, Hyrcania: In the history of which there will be uniformly found some reference to fire. The name is a compound of Ur-chane, the God of that element. He was worshipped particularly at Ur in Chaldea: and one tribe of that nation were called Urchani. Strabo mentions them as only one branch of the <sup>72</sup> *literati*; but <sup>73</sup> Pliny speaks of them as a people, a tribe of the

<sup>67</sup> Etymologicum magnum. The author adds, *αρσαι γαρ το ποτισαι*, as if it were of Grecian original.

<sup>68</sup> Marcellinus. l. 23. p. 287.

<sup>69</sup> *Ἀρσίνη λίμνη, ἣν καὶ Θωνίτιν καλεοῦσι—ἐστὶ δὲ νιτρίτις.* Strabo. l. xi. p. 801.

<sup>70</sup> *Πρῶτον μὲν ἀπ' Ἀρσίνης παραθεοντι τὴν δεξιὰν ἡπειρὸν θερμὰ πλείοσιν αὐλοῖς ἐκ πέτρης ὑψηλῆς εἰς θαλάτταν διηθείται.* Agatharchides de Rubro mari. p. 54.

*Εἶτα ἀλλήν πολιν Ἀρσινόην· εἶτα θερμῶν ὕδατων ἐκβολὰς, πικρῶν καὶ ἁλμυρῶν.* Strabo. l. 16. p. 1114.

<sup>71</sup> Some make Ephesus and Arfinoë to have been the same. See Scholia upon Dionysius. v. 828.

<sup>72</sup> Strabo. l. 16. p. 1074. See Radicals. p. 41.

<sup>73</sup> Pliny. l. 6. c. 27. *Euphraten præclufere Orcheni: nec nisi Pasitigri defertur ad mare.*



Chaldeans. Here was the source of fire-worship: and all the country was replete with bitumen and fire. There was a region <sup>74</sup> Hyrcania inhabited by the Medes; which seems to have been of the same inflammable nature. The people were called Hyrcani, and Aftabeni: which latter signifies the sons of fire. Cellarius mentions a city Hyrcania in <sup>75</sup> Lydia. There were certainly people stiled Hyrcani; and a large plain called Campus Hyrcanus <sup>76</sup> in the same part of the world. It seems to have been a part of that parched and burning region called *κατακεκαυμένη*, so named from the fires, with which it abounded. It was near Hierapolis, Caroura, and Fossa Charonea, all famed for fire.

It may seem extraordinary; yet I cannot help thinking, that the Hercynian forest in Germany was no other, than the Hurcanian, and that it was denominated from the God Urcan, who was worshipped here as well as in the east. It is mentioned by Eratosthenes, and Ptolemy under the name of *δρυμος Ορκυνιος*, or the forest of <sup>77</sup> Orcun; which is un-

<sup>74</sup> Ptolemy Geog.

Isidorus Characenus. Geog. Vet. vol. 2. p. 7.

<sup>75</sup> Cellarii Geog. vol. 2. p. 80.

<sup>76</sup> Strabo. l. 12. p. 868, 869. and l. 13. p. 929—932.

*Εστὶ δὲ ἐπιφανεία τεφρώδης τῶν πεδίων.*

Strabo supposes that the Campus Hyrcanus was so named from the Persians, as also *Κυρὸς πεδίων* near it, but they seem to have been so denominated ab origine. The river Organ, which ran into the Mæander from the Campus Hyrcanus, was properly Ur-chan. Ancyra was An-cura, so named a fonte Solis *κυρὸς γὰρ ὁ ἥλιος*. All the names throughout the country have a correspondence: all relate either to the soil, or the religion of the natives; and betray a great antiquity.

<sup>77</sup> Ptolemy. Geog. l. 2. c. xi.

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doubtedly the same name as that above. I have taken notice, that the name of the mountain Pyrene signified a fountain of fire, and that the mountain had once flamed. There was a Pyrene among the Alpes <sup>78</sup> Tridentini, and at the foot of it a city of the same <sup>79</sup> name; which one would infer to have been so denominated from the like circumstance. I mention this because here was the regio Hercynia, where the Hercynian forest <sup>80</sup> commenced, and from which it received its name. Beatus Rhenanus in his account of these parts says, that there was a tradition of this mountain Pyrene once <sup>81</sup> burning: and conformably to this notion it is still distinguished by the name of the great <sup>82</sup> Brenner. The country therefore and the forest may have been called Orcunian upon this account. For as the worship of the Sun, the Deity of fire, prevailed greatly at places of this nature, I make no doubt but Hercynia, which Ptolemy expresses *Ορκυνια*, was so named from Or-cun, the God of that element.

We must not be surpris'd to find Amonian names among

<sup>78</sup> Mentioned in Pliny's Panegyric: and in Seneca; *consolatio ad Helv.* l. 6. Aristotle in *Meteoris*.

<sup>79</sup> Here was one of the fountains of the Danube. *Ιστρος τε γαρ ποταμος ἀρχαμενος εκ Κελτων και Πυρηνης-πολιος ῥέει, μεσσην σχιζων την Ευρωπην.* Herodotus. l. 2. c. 33.

<sup>80</sup> See Cluverii *Germania*.

<sup>81</sup> Beatus Rhenanus. *Rerum Germanic.* l. 3.

<sup>82</sup> It is called by the Swiss, Le Grand Brenner: by the other Germans, Der grofs Verner.

Mount Cænis, as we term it, is properly Mount Chen-Is, Mons Dei Vulcani. It is called by the people of the country Monte Canise: and is part of the Alpes Cottiae. Cluver. *Ital.* vol. 1. l. 1. c. 32. p. 337. Mons Geneber. Jovij.



the Alpes; for some of that family were the first who passed them. The merit of great performances was by the Greeks generally attributed to a single person. This passage therefore through the mountains is said by some to have been the work of Hercules: by others of Cottus, and <sup>83</sup> Cottius. From hence this particular branch of the mountains had the name of Alpes Cottiae; and the country was called Regio Cottiana: wherein were about twelve capital <sup>84</sup> cities. Some of that ancient and sacred nation, the Hyperboreans, are said by Posidonius to have taken up their residence in these parts. <sup>85</sup> Τῆς Ὑπερβορέας—οἰκεῖν περὶ τὰς Ἀλπεις τῆς Ἰταλίας. Here inhabited the Taurini: and one of the chief cities was Comus. Strabo styles the country the land of <sup>86</sup> Ideonus, and Cottius. These names will be found hereafter to be very remarkable. Indeed many of the Alpine appellations were Amonian; as were also their rites: and the like is to be observed in many parts of Gaul, Britain, and Germany. Among other evidences the worship of Isis, and of her sacred ship, is to be noted; which prevailed among the Suevi. <sup>87</sup> Pars Suevorum et Ifidi sacrificat: unde causa et origo peregrino sacro,

<sup>83</sup> See Marcellinus. l. 15. c. 10. p. 77. and the authors quoted by Cluverius. Italia Antiqua above.

They are styled Ἀλπεις Σκετιαί by Procopius: Rerum Goth. l. 2.

Marcellinus thinks, that a king Cottius gave name to these Alps in the time of Augustus, but Cottius was the national title of the king; as Cottia was of the nation: far prior to the time of Augustus.

<sup>84</sup> Pliny. l. 3. c. 20. Cottianæ civitates duodecim.

<sup>85</sup> Scholia upon Apollonius. l. 2. v. 677.

<sup>86</sup> Τῆτων δὲ ἐστὶ καὶ ἡ τῆς Ἰδεοννῆ γῆ, καὶ ἡ τῆς Κοττίας. Strabo. l. 4. p. 312.

<sup>87</sup> Tacitus de Moribus Germanorum.



parum comperi; nisi quod signum ipsum in modum Liburnæ figuratum docet advectam religionem. The ship of Isis was also revered at Rome: and is marked in the <sup>88</sup> calendar for the month of March. From whence the mystery was derived, we may learn from <sup>89</sup> Fulgentius. Navigium Ifidis Ægyptus colit. Hence we find, that the whole of it came from Egypt. The like is shewn by <sup>90</sup> Lactantius. To this purpose I could bring innumerable proofs, were I not limited in my progress. I may perhaps hereafter introduce something upon this head, if I should at any time touch upon the antiquities of Britain and Ireland; which seem to have been but imperfectly known. Both of these countries, but especially the latter, abound with sacred terms, which have been greatly overlooked. I will therefore say so much in furtherance of the British Antiquarian, as to inform him, that names of places, especially of hills, promontories, and rivers, are of long duration; and suffer little change. The same may be said of every thing, which was esteemed at all sacred, such as temples, towers, and high mounds of earth; which in early times were used for altars. More particularly all mineral and medicinal waters will be found in a great degree to retain their ancient names: and among these there may be observed a resemblance in most parts of the world. For when names have been once determinately affixed, they

<sup>88</sup> Gruter. vol. 1. p. 138.

<sup>89</sup> Fulgentius: Mytholog. l. 1. c. 25. p. 655.

<sup>90</sup> Lactantius de falsa Relig. vol. 1. l. 1. c. 11. p. 47.

To these instances add the worship of Seatur, and Thuth, called Thautates. See Cluverii Germania. l. 1. c. 26. p. 188, and 189.



are not easily effaced. The Grecians, who under Alexander settled in Syria, and Mesopotamia, changed many names of places, and gave to others inflections, and terminations after the mode of their own country. But Marcellinus, who was in those parts under the Emperor Julian, assures us, that these changes and variations were all cancelled: and that in his time the ancient names prevailed. Every body, I presume, is acquainted with the history of Palmyra, and of Zenobia the queen; who having been conquered by the emperor Aurelian, was afterwards led in triumph. How much that city was beautified by this princess, and by those of her family, may be known by the stately ruins, which are still extant. Yet I have been assured by my late excellent and learned friend Mr. Wood, that if you were to mention Palmyra to an Arab upon the spot, he would not know to what you alluded: nor would you find him at all more acquainted with the history of Odænatus, and Zenobia. Instead of Palmyra he would talk of Tedmor; and in lieu of Zenobia he would tell you, that it was built by Salmah Ebn Doud, that is by Solomon the son of David. This is exactly conformable to the account in the scriptures: for it is said in the Book of Chronicles,<sup>91</sup> *He also (Solomon) built Tadmor in the wilderness.* The Grecian name Palmyra, probably of two thousand years standing, is novel to a native Arab.

As it appeared to me necessary to give some account of the rites, and worship, in the first ages, at least in respect to that great family, with which I shall be principally con-

<sup>91</sup> 2 Chronicles: c. 8. v. 4.



cerned, I took this opportunity at the same time to introduce these etymological inquiries. This I have done to the intent that the reader may at first setting out see the true nature of my system; and my method of investigation. He will hereby be able to judge beforehand of the scope which I pursue; and of the terms on which I found my analysis. If it should appear that the grounds, on which I proceed, are good, and my method clear, and warrantable, the subsequent histories will in consequence of it receive great illustration. But should it be my misfortune to have my system thought precarious, or contrary to the truth, let it be placed to no account, but be totally set aside: as the history will speak for itself; and may without these helps be authenticated.

Plate I



*2. Hono  
e Argæus*



*et Numism*

*Tyanorum et*



*Caesariensium :  
OF*







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O F

WORSHIP paid at CAVERNS,

A N D O F

The ADORATION of FIRE in the first Ages.

**A**S soon as religion began to lose its purity, it degenerated very fast: and instead of a reverential awe, and pleasing sense of duty, there succeeded a fearful gloom, and unnatural horror, which were continually augmented, as superstition increased. Men repaired in the first ages either to the lonely summits of mountains, or else to caverns in the rocks, and hollows in the bosom of the earth; which they thought were the residence of their Gods. At the entrance of these they raised their altars, and performed their vows. Porphyry takes notice, how much this mode of worship prevailed among the first nations upon the earth: *Σπηλαια τοινυν και αντρα των παλαιοτατων,*

<sup>1</sup> Porphyry de Antro Nympharum. p. 262. Edit. Cantab. 1655.

He speaks of Zoroaster, *Αυτοφύες σπηλαιον εν τοις πλησιον ορεσι της Περσιδος ανθηρον, και πηγας εχον, ανιερωσαντος εις τιμην τς παντων ποιητς, και πατρος Μιθρα.* p. 254.



λαιοτάτων, πρὶν καὶ ναὺς ἐπινόησαι, θεοῖς ἀφοσιούντων καὶ ἐν Κρήτῃ μὲν Κρήτων Διὶ, ἐν Ἀρκαδίᾳ δὲ Σελήνῃ, καὶ Πανὶ ἐν Λυκείῳ, καὶ ἐν Νάξῳ Διονυσῶ. When in process of time they began to erect temples, they were still determined in their situation by the vicinity of these objects, which they comprehended within the limits of the sacred enclosure. These melancholy recesses were esteemed the places of the highest sanctity: and so greatly did this notion prevail, that in aftertimes, when this practice had ceased, still the innermost part of the temple was denominated the *cavern*. Hence the Scholiast upon Lycophron interprets the words παρ' αὐτρᾶ in the poet, <sup>2</sup> Τῆς ἐσωτάτης τοπῆς τῆς ναῦς. *The cavern is the innermost place of the temple.* Pausanias speaking of a cavern in Phocis says, that it was particularly sacred to Aphrodite. <sup>3</sup> Ἀφροδίτῃ δ' ἔχει ἐν σπηλαίῳ τιμας. *In this cavern divine honours were paid to Aphrodite.* Parnassus was rendered holy for nothing more than for these unpromising circumstances. Ἱεροπρεπὴς ὁ Παρνασσός, ἔχων

Clemens Alexandrinus mentions Βασιλῶν γοματὰ τερατείας ἐμπλεῖα. Cohortatio ad Gentes.

Αὐτρᾶ μὲν δὴ δικάως οἱ παλαιοί, καὶ σπηλαία, τῷ κόσμῳ καθιεῖται. Porphyry de Antro Nymph: p. 252. There was oftentimes an olive-tree planted near these caverns, as in the Acropolis at Athens, and in Ithaca.

Αὐτὰρ ἐπὶ κρατὸς λιμένος ταυφυλλὸς Ἑλαια.

Ἀρχοῖ δ' αὐτῆς Ἀντρον. Homer de Antro Ithacensi. Odyss. l. ε. v. 346.

<sup>2</sup> Lycophron. v. 203. Scholia.

<sup>3</sup> Pausanias. l. x. p. 898. I imagine, that the word caverna, a cavern, was denominated originally Ca-Ouran, Domus Cœlestis, vel Domus Dei, from the supposed sanctity of such places.

αὐτρᾶ.



αντρα τε και αλλα χωρια τιμωμενα τε, και, ἁγιστευομενα<sup>5</sup>.  
*The mountain of Parnassus is a place of great reverence, having many caverns, and other detached spots highly honoured, and sanctified.* At 'Γænarus was a temple with a fearful aperture, through which it was fabled that Hercules dragged to light the dog of hell. The cave itself seems to have been the temple; for it is said, <sup>6</sup> *Ἐπὶ τῇ ἀρχῇ Ναος εἰκασμενός σπηλαιῶ.* *Upon the top of the promontory stands a temple in appearance like a cavern.* The situation of Delphi seems to have been determined on account of a mighty chasm in the hill, <sup>7</sup> *οὗτος χάσμαλος ἐν τῷ τοπῷ*: and Apollo is said to have chosen it for an oracular shrine, on account of the effluvia which from thence proceeded.

<sup>8</sup> Ut vidit Pæan vastos telluris hiatus

Divinam spirare fidem, ventosque loquaces

Exhalare solum, sacris se condidit antris,

Incubuitque adyto: vates ibi factus Apollo.

Here also was the temple of the <sup>9</sup> Muses, which stood close upon a reeking stream. But what rendered Delphi more remarkable, and more revered, was the Corycian

<sup>5</sup> Strabo. l. 9. p. 638.

Ἐνθα παρθενα

Στυγιεν Σιβυλλης εστιν οικητηριον

Γρονῶ Βερεθρῶ συγκατηγεφες τεγυης. Lycophron of the Sibyls cavern near the promontory Zosterion. v. 1278.

<sup>6</sup> Pausanias. l. 3. p. 5. 275.

<sup>7</sup> Scholia upon Aristophanes: Plutus. v. 9. and Euripides in the Orestes; v. 164.

<sup>8</sup> Lucan. l. 5. v. 82.

<sup>9</sup> Μεσων γαρ ην Ιερον ενταυθα περι την αναπνοην τε ναματος. Plutarch de Pyth. Oracul. vol. 1. p. 402.



cave, which lay between that hill and Parnassus. It went under ground a great way : and Pausanias, who made it his particular business to visit places of this nature, says, *that it was the most extraordinary of any which he ever beheld.*  
<sup>10</sup> *Αντρον Κωρυκίου σπηλαιων, ὧν εἶδον, θεας ἀξιον μαλιστα.*  
 There were many caves stiled Corycian : one in Cilicia, mentioned by Stephanus Byzantinus from Parthenius, who speaks of a city of the same name : *Παρ' ἣ το Κωρυκίου αντρον Νυμφων, ἀξιαγασον θεαμα.* *Near which city was the Corycian cavern, sacred to the nymphs, which afforded a sight the most astonishing.* There was a place of this sort at <sup>11</sup> Samacon in Elis, and, like the above, consecrated to the nymphs. There were likewise medicinal waters, from which people troubled with cutaneous, and scrofulous disorders, found great benefit. I have mentioned the temple at Hierapolis in <sup>12</sup> Phrygia ; and the chasm within its precincts, out of which there issued a pestilential vapour. There was a city of the same name in <sup>13</sup> Syria, where stood a temple of the highest antiquity : and in this temple was a fissure, through which, according to the tradition of the natives, the waters at the deluge retired. Innumerable instances might be produced to this purpose from Pausanias, Strabo, Pliny, and other writers.

<sup>10</sup> Pausanias. l. 10. p. 877.

<sup>11</sup> Pausanias. l. 5. p. 387. Sama Con, Cœli vel Cœlestis Dominus.

<sup>12</sup> Strabo. l. 12. p. 869. l. 13. p. 934. Demeter and Kora were worshipped at the Charonian cavern mentioned by Strabo : *Χαρωνιον αντρον θαυμαστον τη φυτει.* l. 14. p. 961.

<sup>13</sup> Lucian de Deâ Syriâ.



It has been observed, that the Greek term κοῖλος, hollow, was often substituted for Coëlus, heaven: and, I think, it will appear to have been thus used from the subsequent history, wherein the worship of the Atlantians is described. The mythologists gave out, that Atlas supported heaven: one reason for this notion was, that upon mount Atlas stood a temple to Coëlus. It is mentioned by Maximus Tyrius in one of his dissertations, and is here as in many other instances changed to κοῖλος, hollow. The temple was undoubtedly a cavern: but the name is to be understood in its original acceptation, as Coël, the house of God; to which the natives paid their adoration. This mode of worship among the Atlantians betrays a great antiquity; as the temple seems to have been merely a vast hollow in the side of the mountain; and to have had in it neither image, nor pillar, nor stone, nor any material object of adoration: <sup>14</sup> Ἐστὶ δὲ Ἀτλας ὄρος κοῖλον, ἐπιεικῶς ὑψηλόν. — Τὸ Λιβύων καὶ ἱερόν, καὶ θεός, καὶ ὄρκος, καὶ ἀγάλμα. *This Atlas (of which I have been speaking) is a mountain with a cavity, and of a tolerable height, which the natives esteem both as a temple, and a Deity: and it is the great object by which they swear; and to which they pay their devotions.* The cave in the mountain was certainly named Co-el, the house of God; equivalent to Coelus of the Romans. To this the people made their offerings: and this was the heaven which Atlas was supposed to support. It seems to have been no uncommon term among the Africans. There was a city in Libya named

<sup>14</sup> Maximus Tyrius. Dissert. 8. p. 87.



Coël, which the Romans rendered Coëlu. They would have expressed it Coelus, or Cœlus; but the name was copied in the time of the Punic wars, before the s final was admitted into their writings. Vaillant has given several specimens of coins struck in this city to the honour of some of the Roman<sup>15</sup> emperors, but especially of Verus, Commodus, and Antoninus Pius.

Among the Persians most of the temples were caverns in rocks, either formed by nature, or artificially produced. They had likewise Puratheia, or open temples, for the celebration of the rites of fire. I shall hereafter shew, that the religion, of which I have been treating, was derived from the sons of Chus: and in the ancient province of Chusistan, called afterwards Persis, there are to be seen at this day many curious monuments of antiquity, which have a reference to that worship. The learned Hyde supposes them to have been either<sup>16</sup> palaces, or tombs. The chief building, which he has taken for a palace, is manifestly a Puratheion; one of those open edifices called by the Greeks, Ὑπαίθερα. It is very like the temple at Lucorein in upper Egypt; and seems to be still entire. At a glance we may perceive, that it was never intended for an habitation. At a distance are some sacred grottos, hewn out of the rock; the same which he imagines to have been tombs. Many of the ancients, as well as of the moderns, have been of the same opinion. In the

<sup>15</sup> Vaillant: Numism. Ærea Imperator. Pars prima. p. 243, 245, 285. and elsewhere.

<sup>16</sup> Hyde. Religio Veterum Persarum. c. 23. p. 306, 7, 8.



front of these grottos are representations of various characters: and among others is figured, more than once, a princely personage, who is approaching the altar, where the sacred fire is <sup>17</sup> burning. Above all is the Sun, and the figure of a Deity in a cloud, with sometimes a sacred bandage, at other times a serpent entwined round his middle, similar to the Cneuphis of Egypt. Hyde supposes the figure above to be the soul of the king, who stands before the altar: but it is certainly an emblem of the Deity, of which we have a second example in Le <sup>18</sup> Bruyn, copied from another part of these edifices. Hyde takes notice, that there were several repetitions of this history, and particularly of persons, *solem et ignem in pariete delineatos intuentes*: yet he forms his judgment from one specimen only. These curious samples of ancient architecture are described by <sup>19</sup> Kæmpfer, <sup>20</sup> Mandesloe, <sup>21</sup> Chardin, and <sup>22</sup> Le Bruyn. They are likewise taken notice of by <sup>23</sup> Thevenot, and Herbert. In respect to the grottos I am persuaded, that they were temples, and not tombs. Nothing was more common among the Persians, than to have their temples formed out of rocks. Mithras e-

<sup>17</sup> See PLATE ii. iii.

<sup>18</sup> Le Bruyn. Plate 153.

See the subsequent plate with the characters of Cneuphis.

<sup>19</sup> Kæmpfer. *Amœnitates Exoticæ*. p. 325.

<sup>20</sup> Mandesloe. p. 3. He mentions the sacred fire, and a serpent.

<sup>21</sup> Sir John Chardin. Herbert also describes these caverns, and a serpent, and wings; which was the same emblem as the Cneuphis of Egypt.

<sup>22</sup> Le Bruyn's Travels. Vol. 2. p. 20. See plate 117, 118, 119, 120. Also p. 158, 159, 166, 167.

<sup>23</sup> Thevenot. Part. 2d. p. 144, 146.



<sup>24</sup> *Petrâ* was in a manner a proverb. Porphyry assures us, that the Deity had always a rock, or cavern for his temple: that people, in all places, where the name of Mithras was known, paid their worship at a <sup>25</sup> cavern. Justin Martyr speaks to the same <sup>26</sup> purpose: and Lutatius Placidus mentions that this mode of worship began among the Persians. <sup>27</sup> *Perfæ in spelæis coli solem primi invenisse dicuntur.* There is therefore no reason to think that these grottos were tombs; or that the Persians ever made use of such places for the sepulture of their kings. The tombs of <sup>28</sup> Cyrus, <sup>29</sup> Nitocris, and other oriental princes, were within the precincts of their cities: from whence, as well as from the devices upon the entablatures of these grottos, we may be assured that they were designed for temples. Le Bruyn indeed supposes them to have been places of burial; which is very natural for a person to imagine, who was not acquainted with the antient worship of the people. Thevenot also says, that he <sup>30</sup> went

<sup>24</sup> *Οἱ τὰ τῷ Μίθρῳ μυστηρία παραδιδόντες λεγούσιν ἐκ πέτρας γεγενῆσθαι αὐτόν, καὶ σπηλαῖον καλεῖσι τὸν τόπον.* Cum Tyrphone Dialog. p. 168.

<sup>25</sup> He speaks of people—*Πάνταχθ, ὅπου τὸν Μίθραν ἐγίνωσαν, δια σπηλαίων ἱερῶν.* Porphyry de Antro Nympharum. p. 263.

<sup>26</sup> Justin Martyr *supra*.

<sup>27</sup> Scholia upon Statius. Thebaid. l. i. v. 720.

*Seu Perseï de rupibus Antri*

*Indignata sequi torquentem cornua Mithran.*

<sup>28</sup> Plutarch: Alexander. p. 703. and Arrian. l. vi. p. 273.

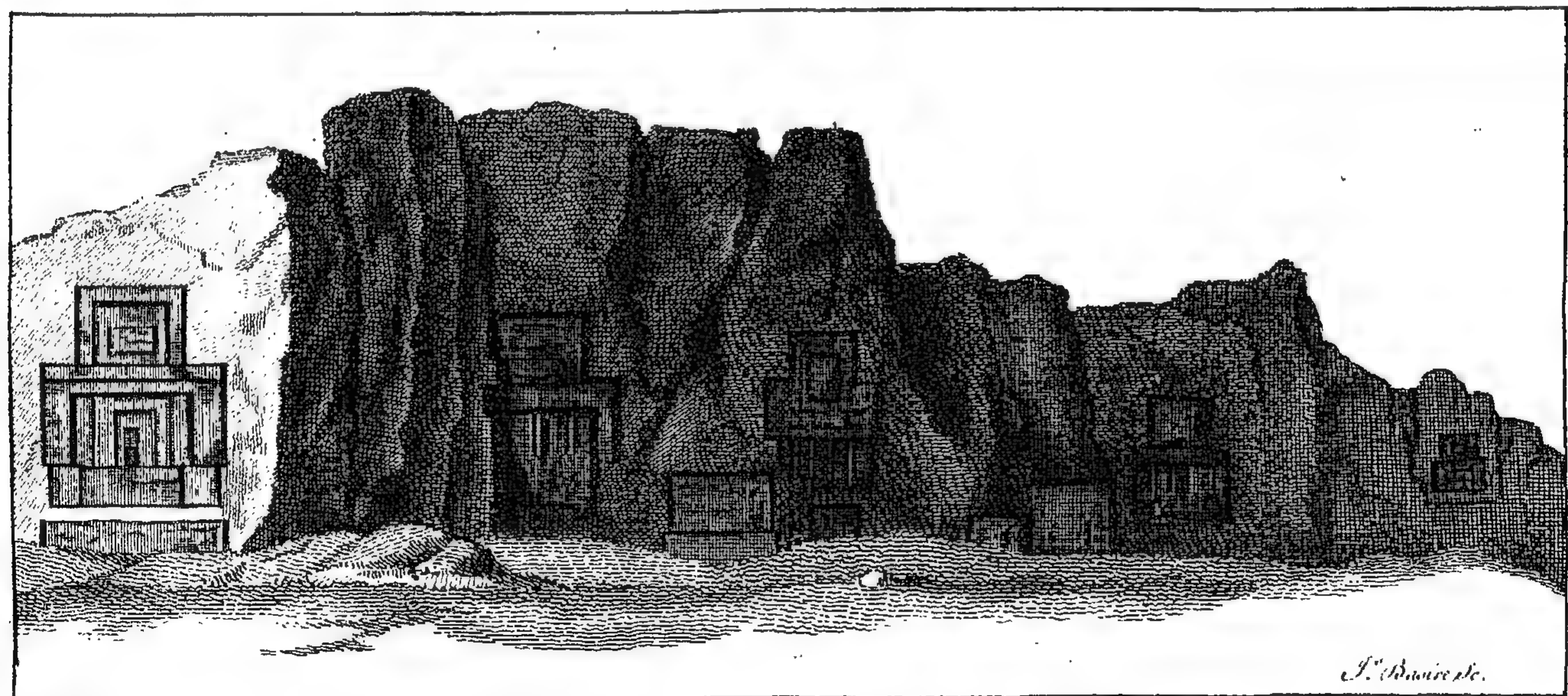
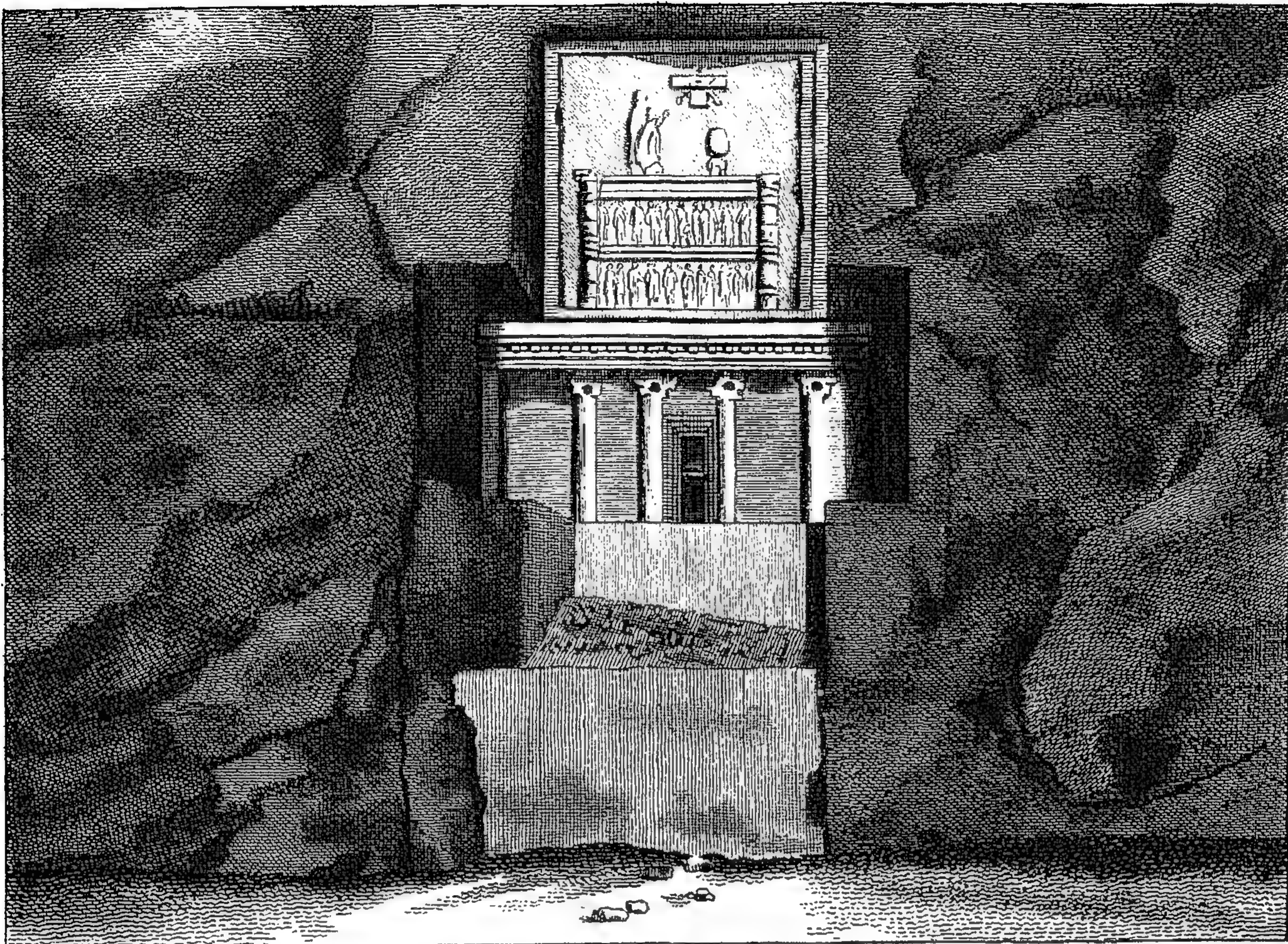
<sup>29</sup> Herodotus. l. i. c. 187.

<sup>30</sup> Thevenot. Part 2d. p. 144, 146.

Some say that Thevenot was never out of Europe: consequently the travels which go under his name were the work of another person: for they have many curious circumstances, which could not be mere fiction.

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Temple of Mithras near Vaki Rustan in Persia. Also Temples in the rock near the Plain of the Magi. — from Le Brûn.



into the caverns, and saw several stone coffins. But this was merely conjectural: for the things, to which he alludes, were not in the shape of coffins, and had undoubtedly been placed there as cisterns for water, which the Persians used in their nocturnal lustrations. This we may in great measure learn from his own words: for he says, that these reservoirs were square, and had a near resemblance to the basins of a fountain. The hills, where these grottos have been formed, are probably the same, which were of old famous for the strange echoes, and noises heard upon them. The circumstance is mentioned by Clemens Alexandrinus<sup>31</sup>, who quotes it from the writers, who treated of the Persian history. It seems that there were some sacred hills in Persis, where, as people passed by, there were heard shouts, as of a multitude of people: also hymns, and exultations, and other uncommon noises. These sounds undoubtedly proceeded from the priests at their midnight worship: whose voices at that season were reverberated by the mountains, and were accompanied with a reverential awe in those who heard them. The country below was called, *Χώρα των Μάγων*, the region of the Magi.

The principal building also, which is thought to have been a palace, was a temple; but of a different sort. The travellers above say, that <sup>it</sup> is called Istachar: and Hyde repeats it, and tells us, that it signifies *e rupe sumptum*, seu *rupe constans faxeum palatium*: and that it is derived from the Arabic word *fachr*, *rupes*, in the eighth<sup>32</sup> conjugation. I

<sup>31</sup> Clemens Alexandrinus. l. 6. p. 756.

<sup>32</sup> Hyde de Religione Vet. Persar. p. 306.



am sorry, that I am obliged to controvert this learned man's opinion, and to encounter him upon his own ground, about a point of oriental etymology. I am intirely a stranger to the Persic, and Arabic languages; yet I cannot acquiesce in his opinion. I do not think, that the words *e rupe sumptum, vel rupe constans faxeum palatium*, are at any rate materials, out of which a proper name could be constructed. The place to be sure, whether a palace, or a temple, is built of stone taken from the quarry, or rock: but what temple or palace is not? Can we believe that they would give as a proper name to one place, what was in a manner common to all; and choose for a characteristic what was so general and indeterminate? It is not to be supposed. Every symbol, and representation relates to the worship of the country: and all history shews that such places were sacred, and set apart for the adoration of fire, and the Deity of that element, called *Ista*, and *Esta*.<sup>33</sup> *Ista-char*, or *Esta-char* is the place or temple of *Ista* or *Esta*; who was the *Hestia*, *Ἑστία*, of the Greeks, and *Vesta* of the Romans. That the term originally related to fire we have the authority of Petavius.<sup>34</sup> *Hebraicâ linguâ* *עש* ignem significat, *Aramæâ* *עשת* quâ voce ignem a Noëmo vocatum Berofus prodidit: atque inde fortassis Græci *Ἑστίας* originem deduxerunt. Herbert therefore with great propriety supposes the building to have been the temple of<sup>35</sup> *Anaia*, or *Anaïs*; who was the same as *Hanes*, as well as

<sup>33</sup> See Radicals. p. 62.

<sup>34</sup> Petavius in Epiphanium. p. 42.

<sup>35</sup> Herbert's Travels. p. 138.



Hestia. Procopius, speaking of the sacred fire of the Persians, says expressly, that it was the very same which in aftertimes the Romans worshipped, and called the fire of Hestia, or Vesta. <sup>36</sup> Τὸτο ἐστὶ τὸ πῦρ, ὅπερ Ἑστίαν ἐκαλοῦντο, καὶ ἐσεβόντο ἐν τοῖς ὑστέροις χρόνοις Ῥωμαῖοι. This is farther proved from a well known verse in Ovid.

<sup>37</sup> Nec tu aliud Vestam, quam vivam intellige flammam. Hyde renders the term after Kæmpfer, Ista : but it was more commonly expressed Esta, and Asta. The Deity was also stiled Astachan, which as a masculine signified Sol Dominus, five Vulcanus Rex. This we may infer from a province in Parthia, remarkable for eruptions of fire, which was called <sup>38</sup> Asta-cana, rendered by the Romans Astacene, the region of the God of fire. The island Delos was famous for the worship of the sun : and we learn from Callimachus, that there were traditions of subterraneous fires bursting forth in many parts of it.

<sup>39</sup> Φυκὸς ἅπαν κατεφλέξας, ἐπεὶ περικαίειο πῦρι.  
Upon this account it was called <sup>40</sup> Pirpile ; and by the same poet Hestia, and Hestia, similar to the name above. <sup>41</sup> Ἰση, ὡ νη-  
σων εὐεση. The ancient Scythæ were worshippers of fire :

<sup>36</sup> Procopius. Persica. l. 1. c. 24.

<sup>37</sup> Ovid. Fast. l. 6. v. 291.

<sup>38</sup> Similis est natura Naphthæ, et ita adpellatur circa Babylonem, et in Astacenis Parthiæ, pro bituminis liquidi modo. Pliny. l. 2. c. 106. p. 123.

<sup>39</sup> Callim. H. to Delos. v. 201.

<sup>40</sup> Pliny. l. 2. c. 22. p. 112. He supposes the name to have been given, igne ibi primum reperto.

<sup>41</sup> Callimachus. H. to Delos. v. 325.



and Herodotus describes them as devoted to Hestia <sup>42</sup>. Ἰλασ-  
κοντας Ἰσιν μὲν μαλιστα. From hence, I think, we may  
know for certain the purport of the term Istachar, which  
was a name given to the grand Pureion in Chufistan from  
the Deity there worshipped. It stands near the bottom of  
the hills with the caverns in a widely extended plain: which  
I make no doubt is the celebrated plain of the magi men-  
tioned above by Clemens. We may from these data venture  
to correct a mistake in Maximus Tyrius, who in speaking of  
fire-worship among the Persians, says, that it was attended  
with acclamations, in which they invited the Deity to take  
his repast<sup>43</sup>. Πυρ, δεσποτα, εσθιε. What he renders εσθιε, was  
undoubtedly Ἐσιε, Hestie, the name of the God of fire.  
The address was, Ω Πυρ, δεσποτα, Ἐσιε: O mighty Lord of  
fire, Hestius: which is changed to O Fire, come, and feed.

The island Cyprus was of old called <sup>44</sup> Ceraftis, and Ce-  
raftia; and had a city of the same name. This city was  
more known by the name of Amathus: and mention  
is made of cruel rites practised in its <sup>45</sup> temple. As long  
as the former name prevailed, the inhabitants were stiled Ce-  
raftæ. They were more particularly the priests, who were  
so denominated; and who were at last extirpated for their

<sup>42</sup> Herodotus. l. iv. c. 69.

<sup>43</sup> Καὶ θυεσι Περσαι πυρὶ, ἐπιφορῆντες αὐτῷ τὴν πυρὸς τροφὴν, ἐπιλεγοντες,  
Πυρ, Δεσποτα, εἴθιε. Maximus Tyrius. Dissert. 8. p. 83.

<sup>44</sup> See Lycophron. v. 447. and Stephanus. Κυπρος.

Κεραστὶδος εἰς χθονὰ Κυπρῶ. Nonni Dionys. l. iv.

<sup>45</sup> Hospes erat cæsus. Ovid. Metamorph. l. x. v. 228.

cruelty.



cruelty. The poets imagining, that the term *Ceraſtæ* related to a horn, fabled that they were turned into bulls.

<sup>46</sup> *Atque illos gemino quondam quibus aspera cornu*

*Frons erat, unde etiam nomen traxere Ceraſtæ.*

There was a city of the ſame name in Eubœa, expreſſed *Caryſtus*, where the ſtone <sup>47</sup> *Albeſtus* was found. Of this they made a kind of cloth, which was ſuppoſed to be proof againſt fire, and to be cleaned by that element. The purport of the name is plain; and the natural hiſtory of the place affords us a reaſon why it was impoſed. For this we are obliged to Solinus, who calls the city with the Grecian termination, *Caryſtos*; and ſays, that it was noted for its hot ſtreams: <sup>48</sup> *Caryſtos aquas calentes habet, quas Ελλοπιας vocant.* We may therefore be aſſured, that it was called *Car-yſtus* from the Deity of fire, to whom all hot fountains were ſacred. *Ellopia* is a compound of *El Ope*, *Sol Python*, another name of the ſame Deity. *Caryſtus*, *Ceraſtis*, *Ceraſta*, are all of the ſame purport: they betoken a place, or temple of *Aſtus*, or *Aſta*, the God of fire. *Ceraſta* in the feminine is expreſſly the ſame, only reverſed, as *Aſtachar* in *Chuſiſtan*. Some places had the ſame term in the compoſition of their names, which was joined with *Kur*; and they were named in honour of the Sun, ſtiled *Κυρος*, *Curos*. He was worſhipped all over *Syria*; and one large province was

<sup>46</sup> Ovid. *Ibidem*.

<sup>47</sup> Strabo. l. 10. p. 684.

<sup>48</sup> Solinus. cap. 17. Pliny takes notice of the city *Caryſtus*. Eubœa—*Urbi- bus clara quondam Pyrrhâ, Orco, Geræſto, Caryſto, Oritano, &c. auiſque cal- lidis, quæ Ellopiæ vocantur, nobilis*. l. 4. c. 12.

hence



hence named Curesta, and Curestica, from *Κυρ Έσος*, Sol Hestius.

In Cappadocia were many Puratheia; and the people followed the same manner of worship, as was practised in Persis. The rites, which prevailed, may be inferred from the names of places, as well as from the history of the country. One city seems to have been denominated from its tutelary Deity, and called Castabala. This is a plain compound of Ca-Asta-Bala, the place or temple of Asta Bala; the same Deity, as by the Syrians was called Baaltis. Asta Bala was the Goddess of fire: and the same customs prevailed here, as at Feronia in Latium. The female attendants in the temple used to walk with their feet bare over burning<sup>49</sup> coals.

Such is the nature of the temple named Istacher; and of the caverns in the mountains of Chufistan. They were sacred to Mithras, and were made use of for his rites. Some make a distinction between Mithras, Mithres, and Mithra: but they were all the same Deity, the <sup>50</sup> Sun, esteemed the chief God of the Persians. In these gloomy recesses people who were to be initiated, were confined for a long season in the dark, and totally secluded from all company. During this appointed term they underwent, as some say, eighty

<sup>49</sup> *Εν τοις Καταβαλοις εστι το της Περσιας Αρτεμιδος ιερον, όπου φασι τας ιερείας γυμνοις τοις ποσι δι' ανθρακιαν βαδιζειν απαθει.* Strabo. l. 12. p. 811.

<sup>50</sup> *Μιθρας ο ήλιος παρὰ Περσαις.* Hesych.

*Μιθρης ο πρωτος εν Περσαις Θεος.* Ibidem.

Mithra. was the same. Elias Cretensis in Gregorij Theologi Opera.



kinds of trials, or tortures, by way of expiation. <sup>51</sup> Mithra apud Persas Sol esse existimatur: nemo vero ejus sacris initiari potest, nisi per aliquot suppliciarum gradus transierit. Sunt tormentorum ij lxxx gradus, partim intensiores.—Ita demum, exhaustis omnibus tormentis, sacris imbuuntur. Many <sup>52</sup> died in the trial: and those, who survived were often so crazed and shaken in their intellects, that they never returned to their former state of mind.

Some traces of this kind of penance may be still perceived in the east, where the followers of Mahomet have been found to adopt it. In the history given by Hanway of the Persian Monarch, Mir Maghmud, we have an account of a process similar to that above; which this prince thought proper to undergo. He was of a sour and cruel disposition, and had been greatly dejected in his spirits; on which account he wanted to obtain some light and assistance from heaven. <sup>53</sup> *With this intent Maghmud undertook to perform the spiritual exercises which the Indian Mahomedans, who are more addicted to them than those of other countries, have introduced into Kandahar. This superstitious practice is observed by shutting themselves up fourteen or fifteen days in a place where no light enters. The only nourishment they take is a little bread and water at sun set. During this retreat they employ their time in repeating incessantly with a strong guttural*

<sup>51</sup> Elias Cretensis. Ibidem. In like manner Nonnus says, that there could be no initiation—*Ἀρχὴς ἔσται ἐγδοηκόντα κόλασεις παρελθόναι.* In Nazianzeni Stelitetic. 2.

<sup>52</sup> *Καὶ τότε λοιπὸν ἐμύσσει αὐτὸν τὰ τελευτέρᾳ, εἰς ζῆσιν.* Nonnus supra.

<sup>53</sup> Account of Persia by Jonas Hanway, Esq. vol. 3. c. 31, 32. p. 206.



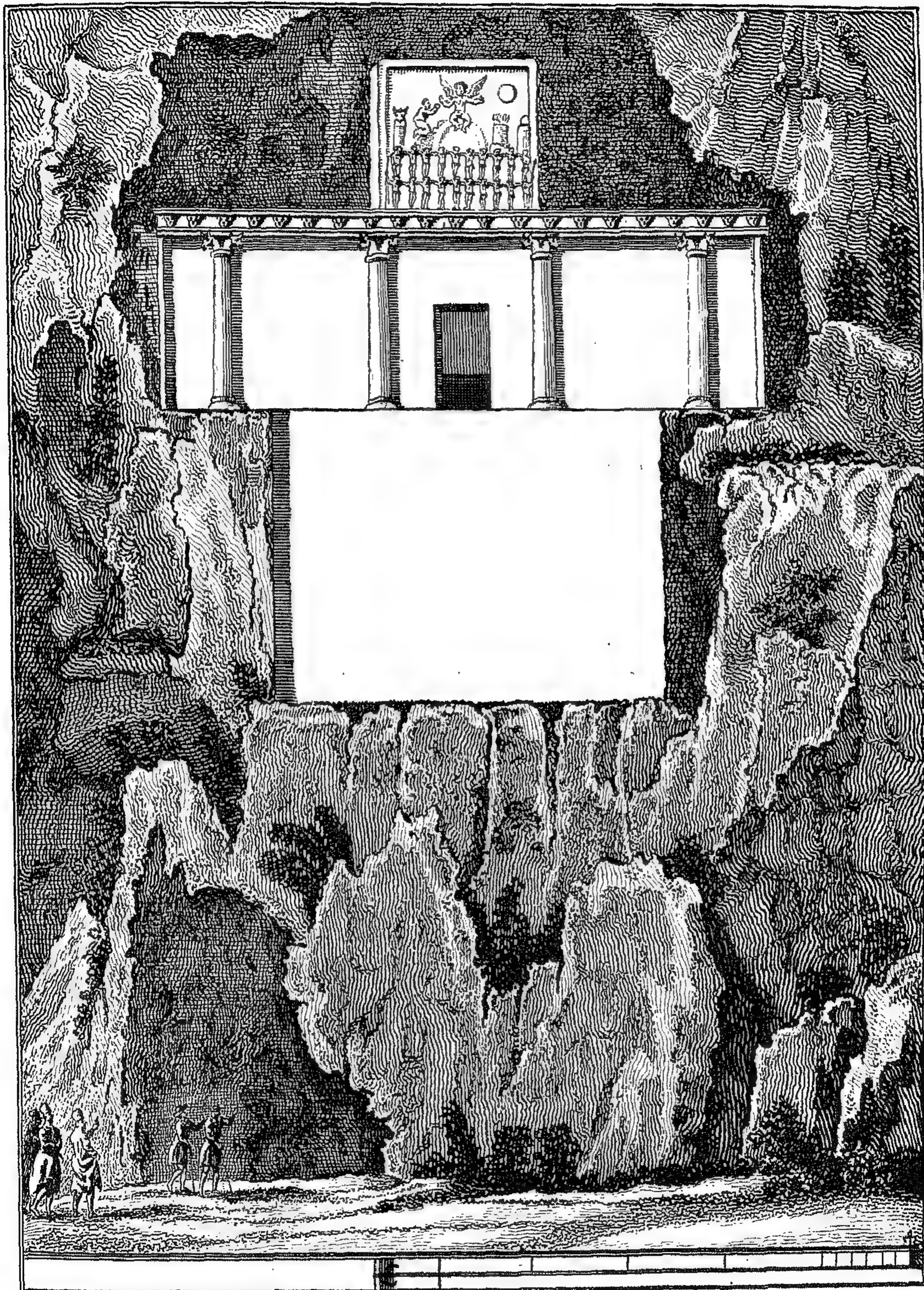
*voice the word Hou, by which they denote one of the attributes of the Deity. These continual cries, and the agitations of the body, with which they are attended, naturally unhinge the whole frame. When by fasting and darkness the brain is distempered, they fancy they see spectres and hear voices. Thus they take pains to confirm the distemper, which puts them upon such trials.*

*Such was the painful exercise which Maghmud undertook in January this year; and for this purpose he chose a subterraneous vault. In the beginning of the next month, when he came forth, he was so pale, disfigured, and emaciated, that they hardly knew him. But this was not the worst effect of his devotion. Solitude, often dangerous to a melancholy turn of thought, had under the circumstances of his inquietude, and the strangeness of his penance, impaired his reason. He became restless, and suspicious, often starting.—In one of these fits he determined to put to death the whole family of his predecessor Sha Houssein; among whom were several brothers, three uncles, and seven nephews, besides that prince's children. All these, in number above an hundred, the tyrant cut to pieces with his own hand in the palace-yard, where they were assembled for that bloody purpose. Two small children only escaped by the intervention of their father, who was wounded in endeavouring to screen them.*

The reverence paid to caves, and grottos, arose from a notion that they were a representation of the <sup>54</sup> world; and that the chief Deity whom the Persians worshipped pro-

<sup>54</sup> Εἰκόνα φεροντος σπηλαιος τὸ Κοσμος. Porphyry de Antro Nymph. p. 254.





*1. Petra & Mithrae or Temple of Mithras from Thevenot Part 2. C. 7.*



ceeded from a cave. Such was the tradition, which they had received; and which contained in it matter of importance. Porphyry attributes the original of the custom to Zoroaster, whoever Zoroaster may have been: and says, that he first consecrated a natural cavern in Persis to Mithras, the creator and father of all things. He was followed in this practice by others, who dedicated to the Deity places of this<sup>55</sup> nature; either such as were originally hollowed by nature, or made so by the art of man. Those, of which we have specimens exhibited by the writers above, were probably enriched, and ornamented by the Achaimenidæ of Persis, who succeeded to the throne of Cyrus. They are modern, if compared with the first introduction of the worship: yet of high antiquity in respect to us. They are noble relics of Persian architecture, and afford us matter of great curiosity.

<sup>55</sup> Μετα δε τετον τον Ζωροαστην κρατησαντος και παρ' αλλοις δι' αντρων και σπηλαιων, ειτ' ουν αυτοφυων, ειτε χειροποιητων, τας τελετας αποδιδοναι. Porph. de Antro Nymph. p. 108. The purport of the history of Mithras, and of the cave from whence he proceeded, I shall hereafter shew. Jupiter was nursed in a cave, and Proserpine, Κορη Κοσμος, nursed in a cave: ωσαυτως και η Δημητηρ εν αντρω τρεφει την Κορην μετα Νυμφων\* και αλλα τοιαυτα' πολλα ευρησει τις επιων τα των θεολογων. Porph. ibid. p. 254.







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O F T H E  
O M P H I,  
A N D O F

The WORSHIP upon HIGH PLACES.

THE term Omphi is of great antiquity, and denotes an oracular influence, by which people obtained an insight into the secrets of futurity. I have taken notice, with what reverence men in the first ages repaired to rocks, and caverns, as to places of particular sanctity. Here they thought that the Deity would most likely disclose himself either by a voice, or a dream, or some other præternatural token. Many for the same purpose worshipped upon hills, and on the tops of high mountains; imagining that they hereby obtained a nearer communication with heaven. Hence we read as far back as the days of Moses, concerning the high places in <sup>1</sup> Canaan. And under the kings of Israel and Judah, that the people *made their offerings in high places*. We are particularly told of Pekah, the son of Remaliah, that *he walked in the way of the* <sup>2</sup> *kings of Israel; yea,*

<sup>1</sup> Numbers. c. 22. v. 41. Leviticus. c. 26. v. 30.

<sup>2</sup> 2 Kings. c. 16. v. 3, 4.



and made his sons to pass through the fire according to the abominations of the heathen—and he sacrificed and burnt incense in the high places, and on the hills, and under every green tree. And many times when a reformation was introduced under some of the wiser and better princes, it is still lamented by the sacred writer, that <sup>3</sup> *the high places were not taken away: the people still offered, and burnt incense on the high places.* It is observable, when the king of Moab wanted to obtain an answer from God, that he took Balaam the prophet, and brought him to the <sup>4</sup> high places of Baal. And finding that he could not obtain his purpose there, he carried him into the field of Zophim unto the top of Pisgah: and from thence he again removed him to the top of Peor. In all these places *he erected seven altars; and offered a bullock and a ram on every* <sup>5</sup> *altar.* It is said of Orpheus, that he went with some of his disciples to meet Theiodamas, the son of Priam, and to partake in a sacrifice, which he every year offered upon the summit of a high <sup>6</sup> mountain. We are told by Strabo, that the Persians always performed their worship upon hills<sup>7</sup>. Περσαι τοιούτων

<sup>3</sup> 1 Kings. c. 22. v. 43. 2 Kings. c. 12. v. 3. c. 15. v. 4—35.

<sup>4</sup> There were two sorts of high places. The one was a natural eminence; a hill or mountain of the earth. The other was a factitious mound; of which I shall hereafter treat at large.

<sup>5</sup> Numbers. c. 22. v. 41. and c. 23. v. 14—28.

<sup>6</sup> Preface of Demetrius Moschus to Orpheus de Lapidibus—Θειοδαμαντι τῷ Πριαμῷ συνήντησεν Ὀρφεύς—κτλ.

<sup>7</sup> Strabo. l. 15. p. 1064.

Περσας ἐπὶ τὰ ὑψηλοτάτα τῶν ὄρεων θυσίας ἐρδεῖν. Herodotus. l. 2. c. 131.

Some nations instead of an image worshipped the hill as the Deity.—Ἐπεφθίμισαν δὲ καὶ Δι' ἀγάλματα οἱ πρῶτοι ἄνθρωποι κορυφὰς ὄρων, Ὀλυμπον, καὶ Ἰδην, καὶ εἰ τι ἄλλο ὄρος πλησιάζει τῷ Οὐρανῷ. Maximus Tyrius Dissert. 8. p. 79.



αγαλματα και θωμης εκ ιδρυονται· θυσι δε εν υψηλω τοπω, τον ουρανον ηγουμενοι Δια.

The people of Cappadocia and Pontus observed the like method of worship: and of all sacrifices, wherever exhibited upon high places, none perhaps ever equalled in magnificence that, which was offered by Mithridates upon his war with the Romans. He followed the Persic modes of worship, as well as the mixed rites of the Chaldeans, and Syrians. Hence he chose one of the highest mountains in his dominions: upon the top of which he reared an immense pile, equal in size to the summit on which it stood: and there he sacrificed to the God of armies.—<sup>8</sup> Εθυε τω Στρατιω Δι πατριον θυσιαν, επι ορξς υψηλς κορυφην μειζονα αλλην επιτιθεις. The pile was raised by his vassal princes: and the offerings, besides those customary, were wine, honey, oil, and every species of aromatics. The fire is said to have been perceived at the distance of near a thousand stadia. The Roman poet makes his hero choose a like situation for a temple, which he erected to Venus; and for the grove which he dedicated to the manes of his father.

<sup>9</sup> Tum vicina astris Ericino in vertice sedes

Fundatur Veneri Idaliæ: tumuloque Sacerdos,

Et lucus, late facer, additur Anchiseo.

In Japan most of their temples at this day are constructed upon eminencies; and often upon the ascent of high moun-

<sup>8</sup> Appian de Bello Mithridatico. p. 215. Edit. Steph. He by an hyperbole makes the pile larger than the apex on which it stood.

<sup>9</sup> Virgil. l. 5. v. 760.



tains. They are all, <sup>9</sup> says Kæmpfer, most sweetly seated : A curious view of the adjacent country, a spring, and rivulet of clear water, and the neighbourhood of a grove with pleasant walks, being the necessary qualifications of those spots of ground, where these holy structures are to be built : for they say, that the Gods are extremely delighted with such high and pleasant places.

This practice in early times was almost universal ; and every <sup>10</sup> mountain was esteemed holy. The people, who prosecuted this method of worship, enjoyed a soothing infatuation, which flattered the gloom of superstition. The eminences to which they retired were lonely, and silent ; and seemed to be happily circumstanced for contemplation and prayer. They, who frequented them, were raised above the lower world ; and fancied that they were brought into the vicinity of the powers of the air, and of the Deity who resided in the higher regions. But the chief excellence for which they were frequented, was the Omphi, expressed *ομφη* by the Greeks, and interpreted <sup>11</sup> *Θεία κληδων*, vox divina, being esteemed a particular revelation from heaven. In short they were looked upon as the peculiar places where God delivered his oracles. Hermæus in Plutarch expresses this term *ομφις*, omphis ; and says, that it was the name of

<sup>9</sup> Hist. Japan. Vol. 2d. book 5. c. 3. p. 417.

<sup>10</sup> Παν δὲ ὄρος τῆ Διὸς ὄρος ὀνομαζέται, ἐπεὶ εἶθος ἦν τοῖς παλαιοῖς ὑψιτῶ ὄντι τῷ Θεῷ ἐν ὑψί θυσίας ποιεῖσθαι. Melanthes de Sacrificijs. See Natalis Comes. l. i. 10.

<sup>11</sup> Ομφη, θεία κληδων. Hesych. It was sometimes expressed without the aspirate, αμῆν: hence the place of the oracle was stiled Ambon, αμῶν. Αμῶν, αἱ προσαναβασεῖς τῶν ὄρων. Hesych.



an Egyptian Deity : and he interprets it, I know not for what reason, <sup>12</sup> ευεργετης. The word truly rendered was Omphi or Amphi, the oracle of Ham ; who, according to the Egyptian theology, was the same as the Sun, or Osiris. He was likewise revered as the chief Deity by the Chaldeans ; and by most nations in the east. He was stiled both Ham, and Cham : and his oracles both Omphi and Ompi. In consequence of this the mountains, where they were supposed to be delivered, came to be denominated Har-al-Ompi ; which al-ompi by the Greeks was changed to Ολυμπος, Olympus ; and the mountain was called ορος Ολυμπ8. There were many of this name. The Scholiast upon Apollonius reckons up <sup>13</sup> six : but there were certainly more, besides a variety of places stiled upon the same account <sup>14</sup> Olympian.

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<sup>12</sup> Τον Ομφιν ευεργετην ὁ Ἑρμαῖος φησι δηλοῦν ἐρμηνευόμενον. Plutarch : Isis et Osiris. Vol. 1. p. 368.

<sup>13</sup> Ολυμποι εἰσιν ἕξ—κλ. Scholia upon Apollonius Rhodius. l. 1. v. 598.

<sup>14</sup> Many places stiled Olympus and Olympian.

In Lycia : Ολυμπος μεγάλη πόλις, καὶ ὄρος ὁμωνυμον. Strabo. l. 14. p. 982.

Ολυμπη πόλις Ἰλλυρίας. Stephanus Byzantinus.

In Cyprus : Αμαθός πόλις, καὶ ὄρος ματσοειδὴς Ολυμπος. Strabo. l. 14. p. 1001.

Ἡδε ἀκροεῖα καλεῖται Ολυμπος. Strabo. Ibidem.

Josephus mentions the temple of Olympian Zeus at Tyre. Antiq. Jud. l. 8. c. 1.

At Megara in Greece : Τεμενος Ολυμπειον. Pausanias. l. 1. p. 97.

In Elis : Ἡ Ολυμπία πρῶτον Κρονίος λόφος ἐλεγετο. Scholia upon Lycophron. v. 42.

In Attica : Ναός Κρονος, καὶ Ῥέας, καὶ τεμενος τὴν ἐπικλησιν Ολυμπίας. Pausan. l. 1. p. 43.

In Achaia : Δίος Ολυμπίας ναός. Pausan. l. 2. p. 123.



They were all looked upon to be prophetic; and supposed to be the residence of the chief Deity, under whatever denomination he was specified, which was generally the God of light. For these oracles no place was of more repute than the hill at Delphi, called Omphi-El, or the oracle of the Sun. But the Greeks, who changed Al-omphi to Olympus, perverted these terms in a manner still more strange: for finding them somewhat similar in sound to a word in their own language, their caprice immediately led them to think of *ομφαλος*, a navel, which they substituted for the original word. This they did uniformly in all parts of the world; and always invented some story to countenance their mistake. Hence, whenever we meet with an idle account of a navel, we may be pretty sure that there is some allusion to an oracle. In respect to Delphi, they presumed that it was the umbilicus, or center of the whole earth. The poets gave into this notion without any difficulty: Sophocles calls it <sup>15</sup> *μεσομφαλα Γης μαντεία*: and Euripides avers that it was the precise center of the earth:

At Delos: *Ολυμπειον, τοπος εν Δηλω*. Stephanus Byzantinus. *Εστι και πολις Παμφυλιας*.

Libya was called Olympia. Stephanus Byzant.

The moon called Olympias: *Ἡ γὰρ Σελήνη παρ' Αἰγυπτίοις κυρίως Ολυμπίας καλεῖται*. Eusebii Chron. p. 45. l. 10.

The earth itself called Olympia by Plutarch, who mentions *της Γης Ολυμπίας ἱερον* in Theseus, by which is meant the temple of the Prophetic Earth.

Many other instances might be produced.

<sup>15</sup> Sophocles: *Œdipus Tyrannus*. v. 487.

*Ομφαλον εριβρομε Χθονος*. Pind. Pyth. Ode 6. v. 3.

*Ορθοδικαν Γας ομφαλον κελαδῆτε*. Pind. Pyth. Ode 11. antist.

Οὕτως



<sup>16</sup> Οὕτως μέσον ομφαλον γὰς  
Φοῖβος κατέχει δομος.

Livy, the historian, does not scruple to accede to this notion, and to call it <sup>17</sup> umbilicum orbis terrarum. Strabo speaks of it in this light, but with some hesitation. <sup>18</sup> Τῆς Ἑλλάδος ἐν μέσῳ ΠΩΣ ἐστὶ τῆς συμπάσης — ENOMISΘΗ δὴ καὶ οἰκισμένης\* καὶ ἐκαλεσάν τῆς γῆς ΟΜΦΑΛΟΝ. Varro very sensibly refutes this idle notion in some <sup>19</sup> strictures upon a passage in the poet Manilius to the purpose above.

O, sancte Apollo,

Qui umbilicum certum terrarum obtines.

Upon which he makes this remark: Umbilicum dictum aiunt ab umbilico nostro, quod is medius locus sit terrarum, ut umbilicus in nobis: quod utrumque est falsum. Neque hic locus terrarum est medius; neque noster umbilicus est hominis medius. Epimenides long before had said the same:

<sup>20</sup> Οὐτε γὰρ ἦν γαίης μέσος ομφαλος, οὐδὲ θαλάσσης.

<sup>16</sup> Euripides in Ione. v. 233.

Μεσομφαλος Ἑστία. v. 461.

<sup>17</sup> Titus Livius. l. 38. c. 47.

<sup>18</sup> Strabo. l. 9. p. 642.

<sup>19</sup> Varro de Ling. Lat. l. 6. p. 68.

Pausanias gives this account of the omphalus at Delphi. Τὸν δὲ ὑπὸ Δελφῶν καλούμενον ομφαλὸν λίθος πεποιημένον λευκὸς, τοῦτο εἶναι τὸ ἐν μέσῳ γῆς πάσης αὐτοὶ λέγουσιν οἱ Δελφοὶ\* δεικνύται τε καὶ ομφαλὸς ΤΙΣ ἐν τῷ ναῷ τιταινόμενος. Pausan. l. 10. p. 835.

It is described by Tatianus, but in a different manner. Ἐν τῷ τεμένει τε Λητοῖδ' καλεῖται τις ομφαλός. Ὅδ' ομφαλὸς τάφος ἐστὶν Διονυσίου. P. 251. Oratio contra Græcos.

<sup>20</sup> Plutarch περὶ λελοϊπ. Χρησίου.



But supposing, that this name and character had some relation to Delphi, how are we to account for other places being called after this manner? They could not all be umbilical: the earth cannot be supposed to have different centers: nor could the places thus named be always so situated, as to be central in respect to the nation, or the province, in which they were included. Writers try to make it out this way: yet they do not seem satisfied with the process. The contradictory accounts shew the absurdity of the notion. It was a term borrowed from Egypt, which was itself an Omphalian region. Horus Apollo not knowing the meaning of this has made Egypt the center of the earth: <sup>20</sup> Αἰγυπτῶν γῆ μεσῇ τῆς οἰκουμενῆς. Pausanias mentions an Omphalus in the Peloponnesus, which was said to have been the middle of that country. He seems however to doubt of this circumstance, as he well may <sup>21</sup>. Οὐ πόρρω δὲ ἐστὶν ὁ καλούμενος Ομφαλός, Πελοποννησὶ δὲ πάσης μεσον, εἰ δὴ τὰ ὄντα εἰρηκάσι. *At no great distance is a place called the Omphalus, or navel; which is the center of the whole Peloponnesus, if the people here tell us the truth.* At Enna in <sup>22</sup> Sicily was an Omphalus: and the island of Calypso is represented by Homer as the umbilicus of the sea. The Goddess resided—<sup>23</sup>Νησῶ ἐν ἀμφιγυτῶ ὅθι τ' ομφαλὸς ἐστὶ θαλάσσης.

<sup>20</sup> Horus Apollo. § 21. p. 30. Edit. 1729.

<sup>21</sup> Pausanias. l. 2. p. 141. It is spoken of Phliuns, far removed from the center of the Peloponnesus.

<sup>22</sup> This omphalus was near the Plutonian cavern. Diodorus. l. 5.

Τρεῖς δ' ἐπὶ καλλιγῆς νησοῦ δράμες ομφαλὸν Ἐννης.

Callimachus: Hymn to Ceres. Cicero in Verrem, 4. c. 48.

<sup>23</sup> Homer. Odyss. l. α. v. 50.



The Ætolians were stiled umbilical; and looked upon themselves as the central people in Greece, like those of Delphi. But this notion was void of all truth in every instance which has been produced; and arose from a wrong interpretation of ancient terms. What the Grecians stiled Omphalus was certainly Ompha-El, the same as Al-Ompa; and related to the oracle of Ham or the Sun: and these temples were Prutaneia, and Puratheia, with a tumulus or high altar, where the rites of fire were in ancient times performed. As a proof of this etymology most of the places stiled Olympian, or Omphalian, will be found to have a reference to an oracle. Epirus was celebrated for the oracle at Dodona: and we learn from the antient poet, Reianus, that the natives were of old called Omphalians:

<sup>24</sup> Σὺν τε Παρναυαῖοι, καὶ ἀμυμονες Ομφαλῆεις.

There was an Omphalia in Elis; and here too was an oracle mentioned by <sup>25</sup> Pindar and Strabo: <sup>26</sup> Τὴν δὲ ἐπιφανείαν εσχεν (ἡ Ολυμπία) ἐξ ἀρχῆς διὰ τὸ μαντεῖον τῆς Ολυμπίας Διός. *The place derived all its lustre originally from the oracular temple of Olympian Jove.* In this province was an ancient city <sup>27</sup> Alphira; and a grove of Artemis <sup>28</sup> Alphei-

<sup>24</sup> Stephanus Byzantinus. The Natives were also stiled Pyrrhidæ, and the country Chaonia from the temple Cha-On, οἶκος ἥλιος.

<sup>25</sup> Pindar. Olymp. Ode 7.

<sup>26</sup> Strabo. l. 8. p. 542.

<sup>27</sup> By Livy called Aliphira. l. 32. c. 5.

In Messenia was a city Amphia—Πολισμα ἐπὶ λοφῷ ὑψηλῷ κείμενον. Pausan. l. 4. p. 292. The country was called Amphia.

<sup>28</sup> Ἀλφεινίας Ἀρτεμιδος, ἡ Ἀλφεισσης ἄλσος. Strabo. l. 8. p. 528.



onia, and the whole was watered by the sacred river Alpheus. All these are derived from El, the prophetic Deity, the Sun; and more immediately from his oracle, Alphi. The Greeks deduced every place from some personage: and Plutarch accordingly makes Alpheus<sup>29</sup>—*Εἰς τῶν το γένος ἀφ' ἡλίου καταγοντῶν*, one of those who derived their race from the Sun. The term Alphi, from whence the Greeks formed Alphira, Alpheionia, and Alpheüs, is in acceptation the same as Amphi. For Ham being by his posterity esteemed the Sun, or El; and likewise Or, the same as Orus; his oracles were in consequence stiled not only Amphi, and Omphi, but Alphi, Elphi, Orphi, Urphi.

I have taken notice of several cities called Omphalian, and have observed, that they generally had oracular temples: but by the Greeks they were universally supposed to have been denominated from a navel. There was a place called<sup>30</sup> Omphalian in Thessaly: and another in Crete, which had a celebrated<sup>31</sup> oracle. It is probably the same that is mentioned by Strabo, as being upon mount Ida, where was the city Elorus. Diodorus speaks of this oracle, named Omphalian; but supposes that the true name was *ομφαλος*, omphalus: and says, that it was so called (strange to tell) be-

<sup>29</sup> Plutarchi. de Fluminibus—*Αλφειος*.

Alpheus, said to be one of the twelve principal and most ancient Deities, called *συμβωμοι*; who are enumerated by the Scholiast upon Pindar. *Βωμοι διδυμοι, πρῶτος Διος καὶ Ποσειδῶνος—κτλ.* Olymp. Ode. 5.

<sup>30</sup> Stephanus Byzant. *Ομφαλίον*. It was properly in Epirus, where was the oracle of Dodona, and whose people were stiled *Ομφαλίηεις* above.

<sup>31</sup> *Ομφαλίον, τόπος Κρήτης*—Steph. Byzant. *Ἐστὶ δὲ ἐν Κρητικαῖς ὄρεσι καὶ κατ' ἐμὲ ἐστὶ Ἐλωρος πόλις*. Strabo. l. 10. p. 834. Eluros—*ἴν. ἴν.*



cause Jupiter, when he was a child, lost his navel here, which dropped into the river Triton : <sup>32</sup> Απο τῆς τότε συμβάντος Ομφαλον προσαγορευθῆναι το χωριον : *from this accident the place had the name of Omphalus, or the navel.* Callimachus in his hymn to Jupiter dwells upon this circumstance :

<sup>33</sup> ΕΥΤΕ ΘΕΝΑΣ ΑΠΕΛΕΙΠΕΝ ΕΠΙ Κνωσσοιο φερσση,  
 ΖΕΥ ΠΑΤΕΡ, ἢ ΝΥΜΦΗ ΣΕ (ΘΕΝΑΙ Δ' ΕΣΑΝ ΕΓΓΥΘΙ Κνωσσῶς)  
 ΤῆΤΑΚΙ ΤΟΙ ΠΕΣΕ, ΔΑΙΜΟΝ, ΑΠ' ΟΜΦΑΛΟΣ, ΕΝΘΕΝ ΕΚΕΙΝΟ  
 ΟΜΦΑΛΙΟΝ ΜΕΤΕΠΕΙΤΑ ΠΕΔΟΝ ΚΑΛΕΣΙ ΚΥΔΩΝΕΣ.

Who would imagine, that one of the wisest nations that ever existed could rest satisfied with such idle figments : and how can we account for these illusions, which overspread the brightest minds ? We see knowing and experienced people inventing the most childish tales ; lovers of science adopting them ; and they are finally recorded by the grave historian : all which would not appear credible, had we not these evidences so immediately transmitted from them. And it is to be observed that this blindness is only in regard to their religion ; and to their mythology, which was grounded thereupon. In all other respects they were the wisest of the sons of men.

We meet in history with other places stiled Omphalian. The temple of Jupiter Ammon was esteemed of the highest antiquity, and we are informed that there was an omphalus here ; and that the Deity was worshipped under the form of a navel. Quintus Curtius, who copied his history from the

<sup>32</sup> Diodorus Siculus. l. 5. p. 337.

<sup>33</sup> Callimachus. Hymn to Jupiter. v. 42.



Greeks, gives us in the life of Alexander the following strange account, which he has embellished with some colouring of his own. <sup>34</sup> Id, quod pro Deo colitur, non eandem effigiem habebat, quam vulgo Diis Artifices accommodârunt. *Umbilico* maxime similis est habitus, smaragdo, et gemmis, coagmentatus. Hunc, cum responsum petitur, navigio aurato gestant Sacerdotes, multis argenteis *pateris* ab utroque navigii latere pendentibus. The whole of this is an abuse of terms, which the author did not understand, and has totally misapplied. One would imagine that so improbable a story, as that of an umbilical Deity with his silver basons, though patched up with gold and emeralds, would have confuted itself. Yet Schottus in his notes upon Curtius has been taken with this motly description: and in opposition to all good history thinks, that this idle story of a navel relates to the compass. Hyde too has adopted this notion; and proceeds to shew how each circumstance may be made to agree with the properties of the magnet. <sup>35</sup> Illa nempe Jovis effigies videtur semiglobulare quiddam, uti est compassus marinus, formâ umbilici librarii, seu umbonis, tanquam *εὐθεῶν* quoddam adoratum, propter ejusdem divinum auxilium: utpote in quo index magneticus erat sicut intus existens quidam deus, navigiorum cursum in medio æquore dirigens. These learned men were endued with a ready faith: and not only acquiesce in what they have been told; but contribute largely to establish the mistake. The true

<sup>34</sup> Quintus Curtius. l. 4. c. 7. p. 154. Varior.

<sup>35</sup> Hyde of the Umbilicus. Relig. vet. Persarum. Appendix 3. p. 527.



history is this. Most places in which was the supposed oracle of a Deity, the Grecians, as I have before mentioned, stiled Olympus, Olympia, and Olympiaca: or else Omphale, and Omphalia, and the province *χωριον Ομφαλιον*. These terms were thought to relate to a navel: but, if such an interpretation could have been made to correspond with the history of any one place, yet that history could not have been reiterated; nor could places so widely distant have all had the same reference. What was terminated *ομφαλος* was <sup>36</sup> Omph-El, the oracle of God, the seat of divine influence: and Al-Omphi was a name given to mountains and eminences upon the same account. An oracle was given to Pelias in Thessaly: and whence did it proceed? from the well wooded omphalus of his mother Earth.

Ἦλθε δὲ οἱ κρυοεν

Πυκινῷ μαντευμα θυμῷ

Παρα μεσσον ομφαλον

Ευδενδροιο ῥήθεν ματερος.—

In other words, it proceeded from the stately grove of Hestia, where stood an oracular temple.

In respect to the omphalus of Ammon, which Curtius has translated umbilicus, and garnished with gold and jewels, the whole arises from a mistake in terms, as in the many

<sup>36</sup> That Olympus and Olympia were of Egyptian original is manifest from Eusebius; who tells us, that in Egypt the moon was called Olympias; and that the Zodiac in the heavens had anciently the name of Olympus. *Ἐ γὰρ Σεληνὴ παρ' Αἰγυπτίοις κυρίως Ολυμπίας καλεῖται, δια το κατὰ μῆνα περιωομένη τῶν Ζωδιακῶν κυκλῶν, ὃν οἱ παλαιοὶ αὐτῶν ΟΛΥΜΠΙΟΝ ἐκαλεῖν.* Chronicon. p. 45. l. 9. The reason given is idle: but the fact is worth attending to.

Olympus was the supposed præceptor of Jupiter. Diodorus. l. 3. p. 206.

<sup>37</sup> Pindar. Pyth. Ode 4. p. 241.



instances before. It was Omphi El, the oracle of Ham, or the Sun : and the shrine, from whence it was supposed to proceed, was carried in a boat. The Pateræ, represented as so many silver basons, were in reality the interpreters of the oracle. They were the priests, who in the sacred processions walked on each side, and supported both the image and the boat, in which it was carried. They are said to have been eighty in number; and they pretended to bear the Deity about, just as they were by the divine impulse directed. *The God, says* <sup>38</sup> *Diodorus Siculus, is carried about in a ship of gold by eighty of his priests. They bear him upon their shoulders, and pursue their way by instinct, just as the divine automaton chances to direct them.* These persons, who thus officiated, were probably the same as the Petipharæ of the ancient Egyptians, but were called Pateræ by the Greeks. It was a name, and office, by which the priests of Delphi, and of many other places besides those in Egypt, were distinguished: and the term always related to oracular interpretation. Hence Bochart describes these priests, and their function, very justly. <sup>39</sup> Pateræ, Sacerdotes Apollinis, oraculorum interpretes. Pator, or Petor, was an Egyptian word; and Moses speaking of Joseph, and the dreams of Pharaoh, more than once makes use of it in the sense above. It occurs Genesis. c. 41. v. 8. —v. 13. and manifestly alludes to an interpretation of that

<sup>38</sup> Ἐπὶ νεῶς περιφέρεται χρυσεῖς ὑπὸ ἱερῶν οὐδ' ἄλλωντα (ὁ Θεός). Οὗτοι δὲ ἐπὶ τῶν ὤμων φέροντες τὸν θεὸν προαγασιν αὐτεμάτως, ὅπερ ἀγχοί το τε θεὸν νεύμα τὸν πορείαν. Diodorus. l. 17. p. 528.

It is observable, that this historian does not mention an omphalus: but says, that it was a statue, ἔστανον, which was carried about.

<sup>39</sup> Bochart. Canaan. l. 1. c. 40.



divine intercourse, which the Egyptians stiled Omphi. This was communicated to Pharaoh by a dream: for the Omphi was esteemed not only a verbal response, but also an intimation by <sup>40</sup> dreams — *Ομφη, φημη θεια, θεια κληδων—ονει-  
ρς φαντασματα*. Hesychius. So it likewise occurs in Euse-  
bius; who quotes a passage from the oracles of Hecate,  
wherein the Gods are represented, as insensibly wafted through  
the air like an Omphian vision.

<sup>41</sup> Της δε μεσσης μεσατοισιν επεμβεβαιωτας αιταις

Νοσφι πυρος θειοιο ΠΑΝΟΜΦΕΑΣ ηντ' ΟΝΕΙΡΟΥΣ.

These Omphian visions were explained by Joseph; he in-  
terpreted the dreams of Pharaoh: wherefore the title of Pa-  
tor is reckoned by the Rabbins among the names of Joseph.  
There is thought to be the same allusion to divine interpre-  
tation in the name of the apostle Peter: *Πετρος, ὁ επιλυων,  
ὁ επιγνωσκων*. Hesych. Petrus Hebræo sermone agnoscens  
notat. Arator. From these examples we may, I think, learn  
that the priest was stiled Petor, and Pator: and that it was  
the place, which properly was called Patora. The Colossal  
statue of Memnon in the Thebaïs was a Patora, or oracular  
image. There are many inscriptions upon different parts of  
it; which were copied by Dr. Pocock<sup>42</sup>, and are to be seen  
in the first volume of his travels. They are all of late date

<sup>40</sup> *Ομφη, θεια κληδων, ὁ εστιν οναρ*. Schol. on Homer. Iliad. B. v. 41.

<sup>41</sup> Eusebius. Præp. Evang. l. 5. p. 194.

One title of Jupiter was Πανομφαιος.

*Ενθα Πανομφαιω Ζηνι ῥηζεσκον Αχαιοι*. Homer. Iliad. Θ. v. 250.

Ara Panomphæo vetus est sacrata Tonanti. Ovidi. Metamorph. l. 1 r. v. 198.

<sup>42</sup> Pocock's Egypt. p. 108 Plate xlii.



in comparison of the statue itself; the antiquity of which is very great. One of these inscriptions is particular, and relates to the Omphi, which seems to have frightened away some ill disposed people in an attempt to deface the image:

<sup>43</sup>Εἰκόνα λωβήτηρες ἐλυμήναντ' ὅτι διὰν

Θειοτάτῃ νυκτὶ ομφὴν ἐπὶ Μερμηνοῦος ἦλθον.

One of the most famous oracles of Apollo was in Lycia: and in consequence of it the place was named Patara. Patra in Achaia was of the same purport. I should imagine, that the place where Balaam the false <sup>44</sup> prophet resided, was of the same nature; and that by Pethor and Pethora was meant a place of interpretation, or oracular temple. There was probably a college of priests; such as are mentioned to have existed among the Amonians: of whom Balaam had been by the king of Moab appointed chief Petora, or priest. It seems to have been the celebrated place in Arabia, famous in after times for the worship of Alilat, and called by the Romans <sup>45</sup> Petra.

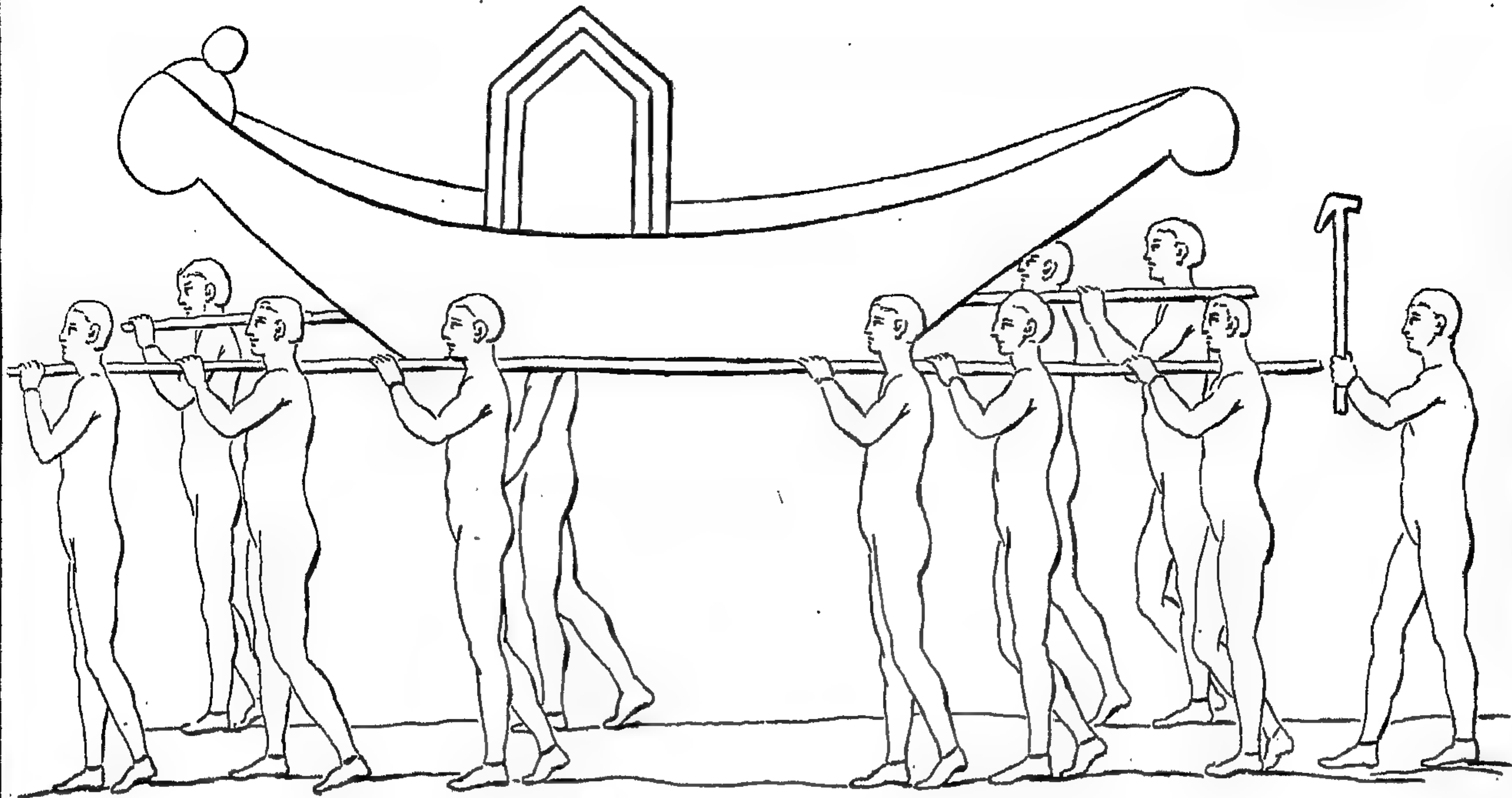
<sup>43</sup> Pocock. Plate xxxix. p. 105.

<sup>44</sup> He sent messengers to Balaam the son of Beor to Pethor. Numbers. c. 22. v. 5.

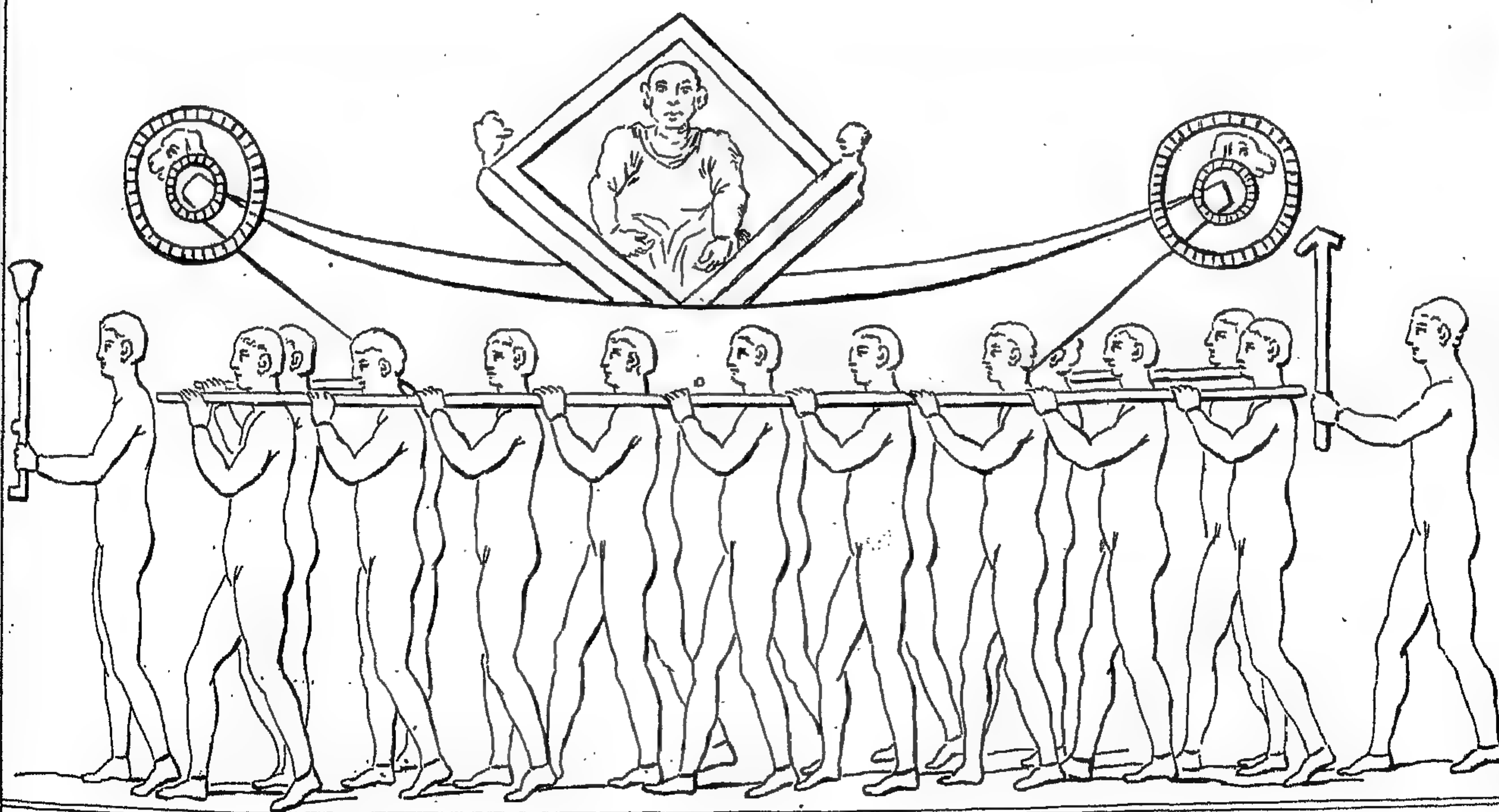
<sup>45</sup> We learn from Numbers. c. 22. v. 36. and c. 31. v. 8. that the residence of Balaam was in Midian, on the other side of the river to the south, beyond the borders of Moab. This seems to have been the situation of Petra; which was either in Midian or upon the borders of it: so that Pethor, and Petra, were probably the same place. Petra is by the English traveller, Sandys, said to be called now Rath Alilat.

Petra by some is called a city of Palestine: Πέτρα πόλις Παλαιστίνης. Suidas. But it was properly in Arabia, not far from Idume, or Edom. See Relandi Palæstina. p. 930. and Strabo. l. 16.





*The Ship of Isis Biprora with an Ark.*



*The Ship of Isis, and Image. From Pocock's Account of Egypt. Plate VII.*



The custom of carrying the Deity in a shrine, placed in a boat, and supported by priests, was in use among the Egyptians, as well as the <sup>46</sup> Ammonites. It is a circumstance, which deserves our notice; as it appears to be very ancient, and had doubtless a mysterious allusion. We have three curious examples of it among <sup>47</sup> Bishop Pocock's valuable specimens of antiquity, which he collected in those parts. He met with them at Luxorein, or <sup>48</sup> Lucorein near Carnac in the Thebais; but mentions not what they relate to: nor do I know of any writer, who has attended to their history. The accounts given above by Curtius, and Diodorus, are wonderfully illustrated by these representations from Egypt. It is plain that they all relate to the same religious ceremony; and very happily concur to explain each other. It may be worth observing that the originals, whence these copies were taken, are of the highest antiquity: and probably the most early specimens of sculpture in the world. Diodorus mentions, that the shrine of Ammon had eighty persons to attend it: but Dr. Pocock, when he took these copies, had not time to be precisely accurate in this article. In his specimens the greatest number of attendants are twenty: eighteen support the boat, and one preceeds with a kind of sceptre; another brings up the rear, having in his hand a rod, or staff, which had undoubtedly a mystic allusion. The whole seems to

<sup>46</sup> The Ammonites were a mixed race; being both of Egyptian and Ethiopic original: *Αἰγυπτίων καὶ Αἰθιοπῶν ἀποικαί*. Herod. l. 2. c. 42.

<sup>47</sup> Pocock's Egypt. vol. 1. Plate xlii.

<sup>48</sup> Luxorein by Norden, called Lucorein. It was probably erected to the Sun and Ouranus; and one of the first temples upon earth.



have been emblematical; and it will be hereafter shewn, that it related to a great preservation, which was most religiously recorded; and became the principal subject of all their mysteries. The person in the shrine was their chief ancestor, and the whole process was a memorial of the deluge; the history of which must have been pretty recent when these works were executed in Egypt.

From the shrines of Amon abovementioned we may derive the history of all oracles; which from the Deity, by whom they were supposed to be uttered, were called Omphi and Amphi, as I have shewn: also Alphi, Elphi, Orphi, Urphi, from El, and Orus. The Greeks adhered religiously to ancient terms, however obsolete and unintelligible. They retained the name of Amphi, though they knew not the meaning: for it was antiquated, before they had letters. That it originally related to oracular revelation is plain from its being always found annexed to the names of persons famous on that account; and from its occurring in the names of men, renowned as priests and augurs, and supposed to have been gifted with a degree of foreknowledge. We read of Amphiaraus, Amphilocus, Amphimachus, persons represented as under particular divine influence, and interpreters of the will of the Gods. Amphion, though degraded to a harper, was Amphi-On, the oracle of Apollo, the Sun: and there was a temple, one of the ancient *ὑπαίθεα*, dedicated to him and Zethus, as we may read in Pausanias. Mopsus, the diviner, is stiled *Ἀμπυκίδης*, Ampucides: which is not a patronymic but a title of the oracular Deity.

Ενθα



<sup>49</sup> Ενθα και Αμπυκιδην αυτω ενι ηματι Μοψου  
 Νηλειης ελε ποτμος· αδευκεα δ' & φυγεν αισαν  
 Μαντοσυναις· & γαρ τις αποτροπιη θανατοιο.

Idmon, the reputed son of Abas, was a prophet, as well as Mopsus; he was favoured with the divine Omphe, and like the former stiled Ampucides.

<sup>50</sup> Ενθα μεν αισα παρεσχε καταφθιαθαι δυο φωτας,  
 Αμπυκιδην Ιδμωνα, κυβερνητηρα τε Τιφυν.

What his attainments were, the Poet mentions in another place.

<sup>51</sup> Δη τοτ' Αβαντος παις νοθος ηλυθε καρτερος Ιδμων,  
 Τον ε' υποκυσσαμενη τεκεν Απολλωνι ανακτι  
 Αμβροσιον παρα κυμα φερετριος Αντιανειρα,  
 Τω και ΜΑΝΤΟΣΥΝΗΝ επορε, και θεσφατον ΟΜΦΗΝ.

To say the truth, these supposed prophets were Deities, to whom temples were consecrated under these names; or, to speak more properly, they were all titles, which related to one God, the Sun. That they were reputed Deities is plain from many accounts. Dion Cassius speaks of Αμφιλοχ & χρηστηριον: and the three principal oracles mentioned by Justin Martyr are <sup>52</sup> μαντεια—Αμφιλοχ & Δωδω-

<sup>49</sup> Apollonius Rhodius. L. 4. v. 1052.

Mopsus was the son of Ampycus. Hygin. Fab. C. cxxviii. By some he is said to have been the son of Apollo. Apollo and Ampycus were the same.

<sup>50</sup> Orphic. Argonaut. V. 720.

<sup>51</sup> Ibidem. V. 185.

<sup>52</sup> Justin. Martyr. Apolog. P. 54.

Amphilochus was the God of light and prophecy. Plutarch mentions εξ Αμφιλοχ & μαντεια, in the treatise περι βραδεως τιμωρμενων. P. 563.



νης, και Πυθης. We have a similar account from Clemens Alexandrinus. <sup>54</sup> Διηγῆσαι ἡμῖν και της αλλης μαντικης, μαλλον δε μανικης, τα αχρηστα χρησηρια, τον Κλαριον, τον Πυθιον, τον Αμφιαρεω, τον Αμφιλοχον. The Amphictuons were originally prophetic personages, who attended at the temple at Delphi. Hesychius observes; Αμφικτυονες—περιοικοι Δελφων, πυλαγοραι, ιερομνημονες. Minerva, heavenly wisdom, is by Lycophron stiled <sup>55</sup> Amphira; which is a compound of Amphi-Ur, the divine influence, or oracle of Orus. Of this name there was a city near Olympia in Elis: for many places were in this manner denominated, on account of their being esteemed the seat of prophecy. In Phocis was the city Hyampolis; and close to it <sup>56</sup> Amphissa, famous for the oracle of an unknown Goddess, the daughter of Macaria. Amphrysus in Bæotia was much famed for the influence of <sup>57</sup> Apollo: and Amphimallus in Crete was well known for its <sup>58</sup> oracle. Amphiclea in <sup>59</sup> Phocis had Dionysus for its guardian Deity, whose orgies were there celebrated; and whose shrine was oracular.

<sup>54</sup> Cohortatio. p. 10.

<sup>55</sup> Lycophron. v. 1163.

<sup>56</sup> Pausanias. L. 10. p. 896.

<sup>57</sup> Hence the prophetic Sibyl in Virgil is stiled Amphrysia vates. Virgil. Æn. L. 6. v. 368.

<sup>58</sup> Plin. L. 4. c. 12. Strabo. L. 10. Called Mallus, by Pausanias Εν Μαλλω μαντειον αψευδες ατον L. 1. p. 84.

<sup>59</sup> Λεγεται δε υπο των Αμφικλειων μαντιν ετε σφισι τον Θεον τατον, και βοηθον νοσοις καθισταναι—προμαντευς δε ο ιερευσ εστι. Pausanias. L. 10. p. 884. The city was also called Ophitea.

I imagine,



I imagine, that this sacred influence under the name of *Amphi* is often alluded to in the exordia of Poets; especially by the writers in Dithyrambic measure, when they address *Apollo*. Taken in its usual sense (*αμφι* circum) the word has no meaning: and there is otherwise no accounting for its being chosen above all others in the language to begin hymns of praise to this Deity, who was the principal God of prophecy. We have one instance of it in the *Nubes* of *Aristophanes*:

<sup>60</sup> *Αμφι μοι αυτε αναξ,  
Δηλιε, Κυνθιαν εχων  
Ύψικερατα πετραν.*

*Periander* is mentioned as beginning a hymn with a like exordium: *Αμφι μοι αυθις ανακτα*: And *Terpander* has nearly the same words: <sup>61</sup> *Αμφι μοι αυθις ανακθ' εκατηβολον*. *Apollo* was so frequently called *Αμφι αναξ*, that it was in a manner looked upon as a necessary proœmium. *Suidas* observes, *Αμφι-ανακτιζειν το προοιμιαζειν*: And *Hesychius*, *Αμφιανακτα, αρχη νομου Κιθαρωδικα*. Much the same is told us in the *Scholia* upon the passage above from *Aristophanes*: <sup>62</sup> *Μιμειται δε (Αριστοφανης) των Διθυραμβων τα προοιμια· συνεχως γαρ χρωνται ταυτη λεξει· διο αμφιανακτας αυτας καλεσι*. However, none of these writers inform us why this word was so particularly used: nor tell us what was its purport. In the short hymns ascribed to *Homer* this term is industriously re-

<sup>60</sup> *Aristophanes. Νεφέλαι. v. 595.*

<sup>61</sup> See *Scholia* to *Aristoph.* v. 595.

<sup>62</sup> *Ibidem.*

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tained : and the persons who composed them, have endeavoured to make sense of it, by adopting it according to the common acceptation.

Αμφι μοι Ερμειας φίλον γονον εννεπε, Μυσα.

Αμφι Διοσκυρων ἑλικωπιδες εσπετε, Μυσαι.

Αμφι Διωνυσου Σεμελης ερικυδεος υιον

<sup>63</sup> Μνησομαι.

These hymns were of late date, long after Homer ; and were introduced in Ionia, and also in Cyprus and Phenicia, when the Grecians were in possession of those parts. They were used in the room of the ancient hymns, which were not understood by the new inhabitants. One of them is confessedly addressed to the Goddess called Venus Ourania in Cyprus ; and was designed to be sung by the priest of that Goddess upon the stated festivals at Salamis.

<sup>64</sup> Χαιρε, Θεα, Σαλαμιнос εϋκτιμενης μεδεστα,

Και πασης Κυπρου· δοδ' ἡμεροεσσαν αοιδην,

Αυταρ εγω κεν σειο και αλλης μνησομ' αοιδης.

We may perceive from what has been said, that the word

<sup>63</sup> We meet with the like in the Orphica.

Αμφι δε μαντειας εδανη πολυπειρονας ὀρμης

Θηρων, Οικων τε. Argonautica. v. 33.

So in Pindar. Κελαδοντι μοι αμφι Κινυραν. Pyth. Ode 2. p. 203.

We have the same from the Tripod itself.

Αμφι δε Πυθα, και Κλαριν μαντευματα Φοιβε. Apollo de defectu Oraculor. apud Eusebium. Præp. Evang. l. 5. c. 16. p. 204.

<sup>64</sup> Hymn to Venus of Salamis. See Homer Didymi. vol. 2. p. 528.

The names of the sacred hymns, as mentioned by Proclus in his Χρησ-ομαθεια, were Παιανες, Διθυραμβες, Αδωνις, Ιο Βακχον, Ὑπορχηματα, Εγκωμια, Ευκ-τικα. Photius. c. 236. p. 983.



Amphi was a term of long standing; the sense of which was no longer understood: yet the sound was retained by the Greeks, and used for a customary exclamation. In respect to the more ancient exordia above quoted, especially that of Terpander, I take the words to be an imitation, rather than a translation, of a hymn sung at Delphi in the ancient Amonian language: the sound of which has been copied, rather than the sense, and adapted to modern terms of a different meaning. I make no doubt but that there were many ancient hymns preserved in those oracular temples, which were for a long time retained, and sung, when their meaning was very imperfectly known. They were for the most part composed in praise of Ham, or the Sun: and were sung by the Homeridæ, and Iamidæ. They were called after his titles, Ad, Athyr, Amphi, which the Grecians expressed Dithyrambi. They were strains of joy and exultation attended with grand processions: and from the same term ditharambus was derived the *θριαμβος* of the Greeks, and the triumphus of the Romans. We are informed that triumphs were first instituted by <sup>65</sup> Bacchus, who was no other than Chus: the history therefore of the term must be sought for from among the Cuseans. That it was made up of titles is plain from its being said by Varro to have been a <sup>66</sup> name; and one that was given by the Amonians among other personages to Dionusus: for they were not in this point uniform. Diodorus takes notice that it was a name, and conferred upon the per-

<sup>65</sup> Diodorus. l. 5. p. 213.

<sup>66</sup> Idque a *θριαμβῶ* Græco, Liberi Patris cognomento. Varro de linguâ Lat. l. 5. p. 58.



son spoken of : <sup>67</sup> Θριαμβον δε αυτον ωνομαθηναι φασι: *They say, that one of the titles given to Dionysus was Thriambus.* Ham in the very ancient accounts of Greece is called Iämus, and his priests Iämidæ. His oracle in consequence of this was stiled Iämphi, and Iämbi, which was the same term as Amphi, of which we have been treating. From the name Iambi came the measure Ιαμβος Iambus, in which oracles were of old delivered. Ham among the Egyptians was called <sup>68</sup> Tithrambo, which is the same name as the Ditherambus of Diodorus. There is a remarkable passage in the Scholia upon Pindar concerning Ham, under the name of Iamus, and also concerning his temple, which is represented as oracular. <sup>69</sup> Μαντειον ην εν Ολυμπια, 'ε αρχηγος γεγονεν Ιαμος, τη δια εμπυρων μαντεια, η και μεχρι τε νυν οι Ιαμιδαι χρωνται. *There was in Olympia, an ancient temple esteemed a famous seat of prophecy, in which Iamus is supposed to have first presided; and where the will of the Deity was made manifest by the sacred fire upon the altar: this kind of divination is still carried on by a set of priests, who are called Iamidæ.* Ιαμος αρχηγος was in reality the Deity: and his attendants were the <sup>70</sup> Iamidæ, persons of great power and repute. Εξ ου πολυκλειτον καθ

<sup>67</sup> Diodorus Siculus. l. 5. p. 213.

<sup>68</sup> Epiphanius—adversus Hæres. l. 3. p. 1093.

<sup>69</sup> Pindar. Olympic Ode vi. p. 53.

Iämus supposed by Pindar to have been the son of Apollo; but he was the same as Apollo, and Osiris. He makes Apollo afford him the gift of prophecy:

Ενθα οι ωπασε

Θησαυρον διδυμον μαντοσυνας (Απολλων). Ibid. p. 53.

<sup>70</sup> Of the Iamidæ, see Herodotus. l. v. c. 44. l. ix. c. 33.

Καλλιον των Ιαμιδεων μαντιν.



Ἑλλανος γένος Ἰαμιδῶν. Pindar. Iämus was immortal, and was therefore named αθάνατος.

<sup>71</sup> Καὶ καταφαριξεν καλεῖσθαι μιν  
Χρονῶ συμπαντι ματῆς  
Αθάνατον.

From hence we may be assured, that he was of old the real Deity of the place.

I have mentioned, that in the sacred processions in early times the Deity used to be carried about in a shrine; which circumstance was always attended with shouts, and exclamations, and the whole was accompanied with a great concourse of people. The ancient Greeks stiled these celebrities the procession of the <sup>72</sup> P'omphi, and from hence were derived the words πομπή, and pompa. These originally related to a procession of the oracle: but were afterwards made use of to describe any cavalcade or show. In the time of Herodotus the word seems in some degree to have retained its true meaning, being by him used for the oracular influence. He informs us that Amphilutus was a diviner of Acharnan; and that he came to Pisistratus with a commission from heaven. By this he induced that prince to prosecute a scheme which he recommended. <sup>73</sup> Ενταυθα θειη πομπη χρεωμενος παρισταται Πεισιστρατῶ Ἀμφιλυτος.—Θειη πομπη is a divine revelation, or commission. Ham was the Hermes of the Egyptians, and his oracle, as I have shewn,

<sup>71</sup> Pindar. Ibidem. p. 51.

<sup>72</sup> Pi is the ancient Egyptian prefix.

<sup>73</sup> Herodotus, l. 1. c. 62. p. 30.



was stiled Omphi: and when particularly spoken of as *the* oracle, it was expressed P'omphi, and P'ompi, the πομπη of the Greeks. Hence Hermes had the name of πομπαιος, which was misinterpreted the messenger, and conductor: and the Deity was in consequence of it made the servant of the Gods, and attendant upon the dead. But πομπαιος related properly to divine influence; and πομπη was an oracle. An ox, or cow, was by the Amonians esteemed very sacred, and oracular: Cadmus was accordingly said to have been directed πομπη βοος.

<sup>74</sup> Ενθα και ενναδη πομπη βοος, ην οι Απολλων  
Ωπασε μαντοσυνησι προηγητειραν οδοιο.

Many places were from the oracle stiled P'ompean: and supposed by the Romans to have been so named from Pompeius Magnus; but they were too numerous, and too remote to have been denominated from him, or any other Roman. There was indeed Pompeiæ in Campania: but even that was of too high antiquity to have received its name from Rome. We read of Pompeiæ among the Pyrenees, Pom-pion in Athens, Pompelon in Spain, Pompeditha in Babylonia, Pomponiana in Gaul. There were some cities in Cilicia and Cappadocia, to which that Roman gave the name of Pompeipolis: but upon enquiry they will be found to have been Zeleian cities, which were oracular: so that the Romans only gave a turn to the name in honour of their own countryman, by whom these cities were taken.

<sup>74</sup> Apollonius Rhodius. l. 3. v. 1180.

An ox or cow from being oracular was stiled Alphi as well as Omphi. Hence Plutarch speaks of Cadmus: 'Ον φασι το αλφα παντων προταξαι. δια το Φωνικας ετω καλειν τον βεν. Sympos. Quæst. 9. 3.



Besides the cities stiled Pompeian, there were pillars named in like manner; which by many have been referred to the same person. But they could not have been built by him, nor were they erected to his memory: as I think we may learn from their history. There are two of this denomination still remaining at a great distance from each other: both which seem to have been raised for a religious purpose. The one stands in Egypt at <sup>1</sup> Alexandria; the other at the extream point of the Thracian Bosphorus, where is a communication between the Propontis and the ancient Euxine sea. They seem to be of great antiquity, as their basis witnesses at this day: the shaft and superstructure is of later date. The pillar at the Bosphorus stands upon one of the Cyanean rocks: and its parts, as we may judge from <sup>2</sup> Wheeler, betray a difference in their æra. It was repaired in the time of Augustus: and an inscription was added by the person, who erected the column, and who dedicated the whole to that Emperor.

<sup>3</sup> D I V O. C A E S A R I. A U G U S T O.

E. . C L. . . A N D I D I U S. . .

L. F C L. A R G E N T O. . .

We may learn from the inscription, however mutilated, that this pillar was not the work of Pompeius Magnus; nor could it at all relate to his history: for the time of its being rebuilt was but little removed from the age in which he lived. The

<sup>1</sup> In insulâ Pharos. Pliny. l. 36. c. 12.

<sup>2</sup> Wheeler's Travels. p. 207.

<sup>3</sup> Wheeler. p. 204. Sandy's travels. p. 32.



original work must have therefore been far prior. The pillar in Egypt is doubtless the same which was built upon the ruins of a former, by Sostratus of Cnidos, before the time of Pompeius: so that the name must have been given on another account. The inscription is preserved by <sup>4</sup> Strabo.

ΣΩΣΤΡΑΤΟΣ ΚΝΙΔΙΟΣ .

ΔΕΞΙΦΑΝΟΥΣ

ΘΕΟΙΣ ΣΩΤΗΡΣΙΝ

ΥΠΕΡ ΤΩΝ

ΠΛΩΙΖΟΜΕΝΩΝ.

The narrow freight into the Euxine sea was a passage of difficult navigation. This was the reason, that upon each side there were temples and sacred columns erected to the Deity of the country in order to obtain his assistance. And there is room to think, that the pillars and obelisks were made use of for beacons, and that every temple was a Pharos. They seem to have been erected at the entrance of harbours; and upon eminences along the coasts in most countries. The pillars of Hercules were of this sort, and undoubtedly for the same purpose. They were not built by him; but erected to his honour, by people, who worshipped him, and who were called Herculeans. <sup>5</sup> Ἔθος γὰρ παλαιὸν ὑπῆρξε το τιθεσθαι τοιαύτας οἰκίας, καθάπερ οἱ Ρηγίνοι τὴν Σηλίδαν ἐθεσαν, τὴν ἐπὶ τῷ πορθμῷ κειμένην, πύργον τι. Καὶ ὁ Πελωρὸς λεγόμενος πύργος ἀντίκειται τῇ ταύτῃ Σηλίδι. *For it was a custom, says Strabo, among the ancients to erect these kind of land-marks, such as*

<sup>4</sup> Strabo. l. 17. p. 1141.

<sup>5</sup> Strabo. l. 3. p. 259.



*the pillar at Rhegium near the foot of Italy : which is a kind of tower, and was raised by the people of Rhegium at the streight where the passage was to Sicily. Directly opposite stood another building of the same sort, called the tower of Pelorus.* Such Pillars were by the Iberians stiled Herculean, because they were sacred to Hercules; under which title they worshipped the chief Deity. Some of these were near Gades, and Onoba<sup>6</sup>, Κατ' Ονοβαν της Ιβηρίας: others were erected still higher, on the coast of Lusitania. This caused an idle dispute between Eratosthenes, Dicæarchus, and<sup>7</sup> others, in order to determine which were the genuine pillars of Hercules: as if they were not all equally genuine; all denominated from the Deity of the country. Two of the most celebrated stood upon each side of the Mediterranean at the noted passage called fretum Gaditanum—κατα τα ακρα τα πορθμυα. That on the Mauritanian side was called Abyla, from Ab-El, parens Sol: the other in Iberia had the name of<sup>8</sup> Calpe. This was an obelisk or tower, and a compound of Ca-Alpe, and signifies the house, or cavern of the same oracular God: for it was built near a cave; and all such recesses were esteemed to be oracular. At places of this sort mariners used to come on shore to make their offerings; and to inquire about the success of their voyage. They more especially resorted to

<sup>6</sup> Strabo. l. 2. p. 258.

<sup>7</sup> Strabo. Ibidem. On-Ob. Sol. Pytho. Onoba, regio Solis Pythonis.

<sup>8</sup> Strabo calls the African-pillar Abyluca; which is commonly rendered Abila. —Ενιοι δε τηλας υπελαβον την Καλπην, και την Αβυλνχα—κτλ. Ibidem. Ab-El-Uc, and Ca-Alpe.

Calpe is now called Gibel-Tar, or Gibraltar: which name relates to the hill where of old the pillar stood.



those towers, and pillars, which stood at the entrance of their own havens. Nobody, says <sup>10</sup> Arrian, will venture to quit his harbour without paying due offerings to the Gods, and invoking their favour. Helenus in Virgil charges Æneas, whatever may be the consequence, not to neglect consulting the oracle at Cuma.

<sup>11</sup> Hic tibi ne qua moræ fuerint dispendia tanti,  
Quamvis increpitent socij, et vi cursus in altum  
Vela vocet, possisque sinus implere secundos,  
Quin adeas vatem, precibusque oracula poscas.

The island Delos was particularly frequented upon this account; and the sailors seem to have undergone some severe discipline at the altar of the God, in order to obtain his favour.

<sup>12</sup> Ἀστὲρ, πολυβώμε, πολυλλυτε, τίς δέ σε ναυτῆς  
Ἐμπορος Αἰγαίου παρηλυθε νηὶ θεῶν;  
Οὐχ' ἔτ' ὦ μεγαλοὶ μιν ἐπιπνεῖουσιν αἱται,  
Χρῆω δ' ὅττι ταχίσον αἰεὶ πλοοῦν, ἀλλὰ τὰ λαιφῇ  
Ὠκεὺς ἐσεΐλαντο, καὶ ἔπαλιν αὐτὶς ἐβῆσαν,  
Πρὶν μέγαν ἢ σεο βώμον ὑπὸ πληγῇσιν ἐλίσσαι  
Ρησσομένοι.—

O, ever crown'd with altars, ever blest,  
Lovely Asteria, in how high repute  
Stands thy fair temple 'mid the various tribes  
Who ply the Ægean. Though their business claims

<sup>10</sup> — Ἀλλ' ἀπο λιμένος μὲν οὐδεὶς ἀναγῆται, μὴ θυσας τοῖς θεοῖς, καὶ παρακαλέσας αὐτῆς βῆθες. Arrian upon Epictetus. l. 3. c. 22.

<sup>11</sup> Virgil. l. 3. Æneis.

<sup>12</sup> Callimachus. Hymn to Delos. v. 316.



Dispatch immediate ; though the inviting gales  
 Ill brook the lingering mariners' delay :  
 Soon as they reach thy soundings, down at once  
 Drop the slack sails, and all the naval gear.  
 The ship is moor'd: nor do the crew presume  
 To quit thy sacred limits, till they have pass'd  
 A painful penance: with the galling whip  
 Lash'd thrice around thine altar.

This island was greatly esteemed for its sanctity, and there used to be a wonderful concourse of people from all nations continually resorting to its temple. The priests in consequence of it had hymns composed in almost all languages. It is moreover said of the female attendants, that they could imitate the speech of various people: and were well versed in the histories of foreign parts, and of ancient times. Homer speaks of these extraordinary qualifications, as if he had been an eye-witness :

<sup>13</sup> Προς δε τοδε μεγα θαυμα, οτ' κλεος εποτ' ολειται.  
 Κεραι Δηλιαδες, 'Εκατηβελετεω θεραπαιναι,  
 'Αιτ' επει αν πρωτον μεν Απολλων' υμνησωσιν,  
 Αυτις δ' αυ Λητω τε, και Αρτεμιν ιοχαιρην,  
 Μνησασθαι ανδρων τε παλαιων, ηδε γυναικων,  
 'Υμνον αειδουσιν, θελγυσι δε φυλ' ανθρωπων.  
 Παντων δ' ανθρωπων φωνας, και Κρομβαλιασυν  
 Μιμειδαι ισασι· φαιης δε κεν αυτος εκασον  
 Φθεγγεσθαι, ετω σφι καλη συναξησεν αοιδη.

<sup>13</sup> Homer. Hymn to Apollo. v. 156.

\* Helen is said to have been a mimic of this sort.



The Delian nymphs, who tend Apollo's shrine,  
 When they begin their tuneful hymns, first praise  
 The mighty God of day: to his they join  
 Latona's name, and Artemis, far fam'd  
 For her fleet arrows, and unerring bow.  
 Of heroes next, and heroines they sing,  
 And deeds of ancient prowess. Crowds around,  
 Of every region, every language, stand  
 In mute applause, sooth'd with the pleasing lay.  
 Vers'd in each art, and every power of speech,  
 The Delians mimick all who come: to them  
 All language is familiar: you would think  
 The natives spoke of every different clime.

Such are their winning ways: so sweet their song.

The offerings made at these places used to be of various kinds, but particularly of liba, or cakes, which were generally denominated from the temple where they were presented. A curious inscription to this purpose has been preserved by Spon and Wheeler, which belonged to some obelisk or temple upon the Thracian Bosphorus. It was found on the Asiatic side, nearly opposite to the Pompean pillar, of which I before took notice. The Deity, to whom it was inscribed, was the same as that above; but called by another title, Aur, and Our, אור; rendered by the Greeks <sup>14</sup> Ουριος; and changed in acceptation so as to refer to another element.

<sup>14</sup> Το ἱερόν τε Ουριεσ ἀπέχει ἀπὸ τοῦ Βυζαντίου σταδίων 516\* γίνονται δὲ μίλια 15'. καὶ ἐστὶν ἐνδοτάτον τοῦ ὅρου τοῦ Πόντου καλεσμένου. Anon. Descript. Ponti Euxini.



<sup>35</sup> Οὐριον ἐκ πρυμνης τις ὀδηγητήρα καλεῖτω  
 Ζηνα, κατὰ προτανῶν ἴσιον ἐκπετάσας.  
 Εἴτ' ἐπὶ Κυανέας δῖνας δρόμος, ἐνθα Ποσειδῶν  
 Καμπυλὸν εἰλίσσει κύμα παρὰ ψαμαθοῖς,  
 Εἴτε κατ' Αἰγαῖς πόντος πλακά, νοσὸν ἐρευνῶν  
 Νειῶω, τῷ δὲ βαλὼν ψαῖσα παρὰ ξοανῶ.  
 Τὸν δὲ γὰρ εὐαντήτοιο αἰεὶ θεὸν Ἀντιπατρὸς παῖς  
 Στήσε φίλων ἀγαθῆς συμβόλον εὐπλοΐης.

Great Urian Jove invoke to be your guide :  
 Then spread the sail, and boldly stem the tide.  
 Whether the stormy inlet you explore,  
 Where the surge laves the bleak Cyanean shore,  
 Or down the Egean homeward bend your way,  
 Still as you pass the wonted tribute pay,  
 An humble cake of meal : for Philo here,  
 Antipater's good son, this shrine did rear,  
 A pleasing omen, as you ply the sail,  
 And sure prognostic of a prosperous gale.

The Iapygian promontory had a temple to the same God, whose name by Dionysius is rendered Ὑρίος.

<sup>16</sup> Φυλατ' Ἰηπυγίων τατανυσμένα, μεσφ' Ὑρίοιο  
 Παρ' ῥαλίας, Ὑρίε, τοῦθι συρεται Ἀδρίας ἄλμη.

The more difficult the navigation was, the more places of sanctity were erected upon the coast. The Bosphorus was esteemed a dangerous pass ; and upon that account abounded

<sup>15</sup> See Spon. and Wheeler's travels. p. 209.

<sup>16</sup> Dionysius περιήγης, v. 380.



with Cippi, and altars. These were originally mounds of earth, and sacred to the Sun ; upon which account they were called Col-On, or altars of that Deity. From hence is derived the term Colona, and Κολωνη. It came at last to denote any nees or foreland ; but was originally the name of a sacred hill, and of the pillar which was placed upon it. To say the truth there was of old hardly any headland, but what had its temple or altar. The Bosporus in particular had numbers of them by way of sea-marks, as well as for sacred purposes : and there were many upon the coast of Greece. Hence Apollonius says of the Argonauts :

<sup>17</sup> *Ἡρι δὲ νισσομένοισιν Ἀθῶ ἀνετέλλε Κολωνη.*

In another place of the Bosporus—

<sup>18</sup> *Φαίνεται ἡρώεν ἑομα Βοσπόρου, ἡδὲ Κολωναί  
Μυσίαι.*

The like occurs in the Orphic Argonauts, where Peleus is pointing out the habitation of the Centaur Chiron :

<sup>19</sup> *ὦ φίλοι, ἀβρεῖτε σκοπῆς πρῶχοντὰ Κολωνον,  
Μεσσῶ ἐνι πρῆωνι κατασκιον, ἐνθα δὲ Χείρων  
Ναίει ἐνι σπηλυγγί, δικαιοτάτος Κενταυρων.*

These Colonaë were sacred to the Apollo of Greece : and

<sup>17</sup> Apollonius Rhodius. l. i. v. 601.

<sup>18</sup> Apollonius Rhodius. l. i. v. 1114.

In another place,

*Φυλα τε Βιθυνων αὐτῇ κτεατισσατο γαίῃ,  
Μεσφ' ἐπὶ Ρηβαιο προχόας, σκοπέλου τε Κολωνης.*

Apollon. Rhod. l. 2. v. 790.

<sup>19</sup> Orphic Argonaut. v. 375.



as they were sea-marks and beacons, which stood on eminences near the mouths of rivers, and at the entrances of harbours, it caused them to be called *ωρια*, *ουρεα*, and *όρμοι*. Homer gives a beautiful description of such hills and headlands, and of the sea-coast projected in a beautiful landscape beneath, when in some ravishing poetry he makes all these places rejoice at the birth of Apollo:

<sup>20</sup> Πάσαι δὲ σκοπιαί τοι ἄδον, καὶ πρῶνες ἀκροὶ  
Ἵψήλων ὄρεων, ποταμοὶ θ' ἀλα δὲ προρέοντες,  
Ἀκταὶτ' εἰς ἅλα κεκλιμέναι, λιμένες τε θαλάσσης.

In that happy hour

The lofty cliffs, that overlook the main,  
And the high summits of the towering hills,  
Shouted in triumph: down the rivers ran  
In pleasing murmurs to the distant deep.  
The shelves, the shores, the inlets of the sea,  
Witness'd uncommon gladness.

Apollo from this circumstance was often called *επακτιος*, or the tutelary God of the coast: and had particular offerings upon that account.

<sup>21</sup> Πεισμάτα τ' ἀψάμενοι προσυνομεν ἱερά καλά  
Ζηνὶ Πανομφαίῳ, καὶ ἐπακτιῷ Ἀπολλωνί.

It was not only upon rocks and eminences, that these  
Cippi

<sup>20</sup> Homer's Hymn to Apollo.

<sup>21</sup> Orphic Argonaut. v. 1295.

Sophocles calls the sea coast *παραβώμιος ακτή*, from the numbers of altars. *Œdipus Tyrannus*. v. 193.



Cippi and Obelisks were placed by the ancients. They were to be found in their temples, where for many ages a rude stock or stone served for a representation of the Deity. They were sometimes quite shapeless; but generally of a conical figure: of which we meet with many instances. Clemens Alexandrinus takes notice of this kind of <sup>22</sup> worship: and Pausanias in describing the temple of Hercules at Hyettus in <sup>23</sup> Bœotia, tells us that there was no statue in it, nor any work of art, but merely a rude stone after the manner of the first ages. Tertullian gives a like description of Ceres and Pallas. Pallas Attica, et Ceres <sup>24</sup> Phrygia—quæ sine effigie, rudi palo, et informi specie prostant. Juno of Samos was little better than a <sup>25</sup> post. It sometimes happens that aged trees bear a faint likeness to the human fabric: roots likewise and sprays are often so fantastic in their evolutions as to betray a remote resemblance. The ancients seem to have taken

The like province was attributed to the supposed sister of Apollo, Diana: Jupiter tells her—

και μεν αγυαις

Εσση και λιμεροσσιν επισκοπος.

And in another place:

Τρις δεκα τοι πτολιεθρα και εκ ένα Πυργον οπασσω.

Callimachus. Hymn. to Diana.

Ποτνια, Μανυχη, Λιμεροσκοπε, χαιρε, Φεραια. Ibid. v. 259.

<sup>22</sup> Πριν γε ουν ακριβωθηναι τας των αγαλματων σχεσεις, κιονας ισαντες οι παλαιοι εσεβον τετες, ως αφιδρυματα τη Θεω. Clemens Alexand. l. i. p. 418.

<sup>23</sup> —Οντος ουχι αγαλματος συν τεχη, λιθη δε αργη κατα το αρχαιον. Pausan. l. 9. p. 757.

Also of the Thespians: Και σφισιν αγαλμα παλαιοτατον εστιν αργος λιθος. p. 761.

<sup>24</sup> Tertullian adversus Gentes. l. i. c. 12.

<sup>25</sup> Και το μεν Σαμιας Ηρας προτερον ην σανις. Clementis Cohort. p. 40.

advantage



advantage of this fancied similitude, which they improved by a little art; and their first efforts towards imagery <sup>were</sup> ~~was~~ from these rude and rotten materials. Apollonius Rhodius in his account of the Argonauts gives a description of a monument of this sort, which was by them erected in a dark grove upon a mountainous part of <sup>26</sup> Bithynia. They raised an altar of rough stones, and placed near it an image of Rhea, which they formed from an arm or stump of an old vine.

Εσκε δε τι σιβαρον συπος αμπελα, εντρεφον ὕλη  
 Προγυ γερανδρον, το μεν εκταμον οφρα πελοιτα  
 Δαιμονος βρειης ιερον βρετας· εξεσε δ' Αργως  
 Ευκοσμως, και δη μιν επ' οκρυοεντι Κολωνω  
 Ιδρυσαν, φηγοισιν επηρεφες ακροτατησιν·  
 'Αι ρα τε πασων πανυπερταται ερριζωντο.  
 Βωμον δ' αυ χεραδος παραννηνεον, αμφι δε φυλλοις  
 Στεψαμενοι δρυινοισι θυηπολης εμελοντο..

A dry and wither'd branch, by time impair'd,  
 Hung from an ample and an aged vine,  
 Low bending to the earth: the warriors axe  
 Lopt it at once from the parental stem.  
 This as a sacred relick was consigned  
 To Argus' hands, an image meet to frame  
 Of Rhea, dread Divinity, who ruled  
 Over Bithynia's mountains. With rude art  
 He smooth'd and fashion'd it in homely guise..  
 Then on a high and lonely promontory  
 Rear'd it amid a tall and stately grove

<sup>26</sup> Apollonius Rhodius. l. i. v. 1117. p. 115.



Of ancient beeches. Next of stones unwrought  
 They raise an altar ; and with boughs of oak  
 Soft wreaths of foliage weave to deck it round.  
 Then to their rites they turn, and vows perform.

The same circumstance is mentioned in the Orphic Argonautics<sup>27</sup>; where the poet speaks of Argus, and the vine branch :

Αμφιπλάκες ερνος  
 Αμπελᾶ ἀναλινῆς ὅξει ἀπεκέρστε σιδήρῳ,  
 Ξεσσε δ' ἐπισαμένως.

The Amazonians were a very ancient people, who worshipped their provincial Deity under the character of a female, and by the titles of Artemis, Oupis, Hippha. They first built a temple at Ephesus ; and according to Callimachus<sup>28</sup> the image of the Goddess was formed of the stump of a beech tree.

Σοὶ καὶ Ἀμαζονίδες πόλεμᾶ ἐπιθυμηταῖ  
 Ἐκ κοτε παρ' ῥαλινῇ Ἐφεσῶ βρετᾶς ἰδρυσαντο  
<sup>29</sup> Φηγῶ ὑπο πρεμνῶ, τέλεσεν δὲ τοὶ ἱερὸν Ἴππῳ.  
 Αὐταὶ δ', Οὐπι ἀνασσα, περὶ πρυλὶν ὠρχησαντο.

Instead of an image made of a stump, the poet Dionysius supposes a temple to have been built beneath the trunk of a decayed tree.

Ἐνθα Θεῇ ποτε νηὸν Ἀμαζονίδες τετυχοντο  
 Πρεμνῶ ὑπο πτελεῆς, περιωσίον ἀνδράσι θαύμα. v. 827.

<sup>27</sup> Orphic Argonaut. v. 605.

Pliny, l. 16, mentions simulacrum vitigineum.

<sup>28</sup> Callimachus. Hymn to Diana. v. 237.

<sup>29</sup> Πρεμνον—τέλεχος, βλαστός, παν ριζώμα δένδρῳ το γηρασκόν· ἢ το ἀμπελᾶ πρὸς τῇ γῇ πρεμνον. Hesychius.

Πρεμνιασαί, ἐκρίζωσαι. Ibidem.



It is observable, that the Chinese, as well as the people of Japan, still retain something of this custom. When they meet with an uncouth root or spray of a tree, they humour the extravagance: and by the addition of a face give it the look of Joss or Bonzee, just as fancy directs them.

The vine was esteemed sacred both to Dionusus, and Bacchus; for they were two different personages, though confounded by the Grecians: indeed the titles of all those, who were originally stiled Baalim, are blended together. This tree had therefore the name of Ampel, which the Greeks rendered *Αμπελος*, from the Sun, Ham, whose peculiar plant it was. This title is the same as Omphel before mentioned, and relates to the oracular Deity of the Pagan world; under which character Ham was principally alluded to. The Egyptian and Asiatic Greeks had some imperfect traditions about Ham, and Chus: the latter of which they esteemed Bacchus. And as the term Ampelus did not primarily relate to the vine, but was a sacred name transferred from the Deity, they had some notion of this circumstance: but as it was their custom out of every title to form a new personage, they have supposed Ampelus to have been a youth of great beauty, and one whom Bacchus particularly favoured. Hence Nonnus introduces the former begging of Selene not to envy him this happiness.

<sup>30</sup> Μη φθονεσης, ὅτι Βακχος εμην φιλοτητα φυλασσει.

Ὅττι νεος γενομεν, ὅτι και φιλος ειμι Λυαις.

The worship of Ham was introduced by the Ammonians in

<sup>30</sup> Nonni Dionysiaca. l. xi. p. 306.



Phrygia and Asia Minor: and in those parts the Poet makes Ampelus chiefly conversant.

<sup>31</sup> Ἦδη γὰρ Φρυγίης ὑπο δειραδί κερὸς ἀθύρων  
 Ἀμπελος ηἰξήτο νεοτρεφὲς ἐρνος ἐρωτῶν.

He speaks of his bathing in the waters, and rising with fresh beauty from the stream, like the morning star from the ocean.

<sup>32</sup> Πακτωλῷ πορὲ καὶ σὺ τεοῦ σέλας, ὅφρα φανείη  
 Ἀμπελος ἀντελλῶν, ἅτε φωσφόρος—  
 Κοσμήσει σεο κάλλος ὅλον Πακτωλίον ὕδωρ.

In all these instances there are allusions to a history, which will hereafter be fully discussed. Ovid seems to make Ampelus a native of Thrace; and supposes him to have been the son of a satyr by one of the nymphs in that country:

<sup>33</sup> Ampelon intonsum, Satyro Nymphâque creatum,  
 Fertur in Ismariis Bacchus amâsse jugis.

But however they may have mistaken this personage, it is certain that in early times he was well known, and highly revered. Hence wherever the Amonians settled, the name of Ampelus will occur: and many places will be found to have been denominated from the worship of the Deity under this sacred title. We learn from Stephanus Byzantinus, <sup>34</sup> that,

<sup>31</sup> Nonni Dion. l. x. p. 278.

<sup>32</sup> Nonni Dion. l. xi. p. 296.

<sup>33</sup> Ovid. Fast. l. 3. v. 409.

<sup>34</sup> Ἀμπελος, πόλις τῆς Λιγυτικῆς· Ἐκεταῖος ἐν Εὐρώπῃ· ἐστὶ δὲ ἀκρὰ Τρωναίων Ἀμπελος λεγομένη· ἐστὶ καὶ ἕτερα ἀκρὰ τῆς Σάμῃ· καὶ ἀλλῇ ἐν Κυρηνῇ. Ἀγροίτας δὲ δύο πόλεις φησὶ, τὴν μὲν ἀνω, τὴν δὲ κατω· ἐστὶ δὲ καὶ Ἰταλίας ἀκρὰ, καὶ λιμὴν. Steph. Byzant.

Καλεῖται μὲν οὖν καὶ ἀκρὰ τῆς Ἀμπελος. Strabo of Samos. l. 14. p. 944.



according to *Hecataeus* in his *Europa*, *Ampelus* was the name of a city in *Liguria*. There was likewise a promontory in the district of *Torone* called *Ampelus*: a like promontory in *Samos*: another in *Cyrene*. *Agroetas* mentions two cities there, an upper, and a lower, of that name. There was likewise a harbour in *Italy* so called. We read of a city <sup>35</sup> *Ampeloëssa* in *Syria*, and a nation in *Lybia* called *Ampeliotæ*: *Ἀμπελιῶται δὲ ἔθνος Λιβύης*. *Suidas*. Also *Ampelona* in *Arabia*: and a promontory *Ampelusia* near *Tingis* in *Mauritania*. In all these places, however distant, the *Amonians* had made settlements. Over against the island *Samos* stood the sacred promontory, *Mycale* in *Ionian*. This too was called *Ampelus*, according to *Hesychius*, as the passage is happily altered by *Albertus*, and others. *Ἀμπελος, μηχανη, και ακρα Μυκαλης, ηγουν ορεις*. From the words *ηγουν ορεις* one might infer, that *Ampelus* was no uncommon name for a mountain in general; so far is certain that many such were so denominated: which name could not relate to *Ἀμπελος*, the vine; but they were so called from the Deity, to whom they were <sup>36</sup> sacred. Many of these places were barren crags, and rocks of the sea, ill suited to the cultivation of the <sup>37</sup> vine. And not only eminences

<sup>35</sup> *Ampelusia* called *Κωττης ακρον*. *Ptolemy*. l. 4. so named according to *Strabo* *απο Κωτειν, or Κωταιων*, not far from a city *Zilis*, and *Cota*. See *Pliny*. l. 5. c. 1.

*Promontorium Oceani extremum Ampelusia*. *Pliny*. l. 5. c. 1.

*Ampelona*. *Pliny*. l. 6. c. 28.

<sup>36</sup> *Απο Ἀμπελου ακρης επι Καραστρατην ακρην*. *Herodotus*. l. 7. c. 123.

*Ἀμπελος ακρα*, in *Crete*. *Ptolemy*. See *Pliny*. l. 4. c. 12.

<sup>37</sup> In *Samos* was *Ἀμπελος ακρα* εστι δε εκ ευρινος. *Strabo*. l. 14. p. 944.



nences were so called, but the strand and shores also for the same reason: because here too were altars, and pillars to this God. Hence we read in Hesychius: Ἀμπελος—αιγιαλος—Κυρηναίοις αιγιαλος. *By Ampelus is signified the sea shore; or Ampelus among the people of Cyrene signifies the sea shore.*

From what has been said, we may be assured, that Ampelus, and Omphalus, were the same term originally; however varied afterwards, and differently appropriated. They are each a compound from Omphe; and relate to the oracular Deity. Ampelus at Mycale in Ionia was confessedly so denominated from its being a sacred <sup>38</sup> place, and abounding with waters, by which people, who drank them, were supposed to be inspired. They are mentioned in an ancient oracle quoted by Eusebius<sup>39</sup>: Εἰν Διδυμῶν γυαλοῖς Μυκαλησίων ΕΝΘΕΟΝ ὕδωρ. I have mentioned that all fountains were esteemed sacred; but especially those which had any præternatural quality, and abounded with exhalations. It was an universal notion that a divine energy proceeded from these effluvia; and that the persons, who resided in their vicinity, were gifted with a prophetic quality. Fountains of this nature from the divine influence, with which they were supposed to abound, the Amonians stiled Ain Omphe, five

Some places were called more simply Ampe.

See Herodotus of Ampî in the Persian Gulf. l. 6. c. 20.

Ἀμπη of Tzetzes. See Cellarius.

<sup>38</sup> Μυκαλῆς χωρίον ἱερόν. Herodotus. l. 1. c. 148.

<sup>39</sup>Præp. Evan. l. 5. c. 16.



fontes Oraculi. These terms, which denoted the fountain of the prophetic God, the Greeks contracted to *Νυμφη*, a Nymph: and supposed such a person to be an inferior Goddess, who presided over waters. Hot springs were imagined to be more immediately under the inspection of the nymphs: whence Pindar styles such fountains <sup>40</sup> *Θεσμα Νυμφαν λητρα*. The temple of the *Nymphæ Ionides* in Arcadia stood close to a fountain of great <sup>41</sup> efficacy. The term *Nympha* will be found always to have a reference to <sup>42</sup> water. There was in the same region of the Peloponnesus a place called *Νυμφας*, *Nymphas*; which was undoubtedly so named from its hot springs: <sup>43</sup> *Καταρρέειται γαρ ὕδατι*——*Νυμφας*: for *Nymphas*—abounded with waters. Another  
name

<sup>40</sup> Pindar. Olymp. Ode 12.

*Νυμφαι εἰσι ἐν τῷ φρεατί*. Artemidorus Oneirocrit. l. 2. c. 23.

<sup>41</sup> *Νυμφων ἐστὶν ἱερόν ἐπὶ τῇ πηγῇ*.—*Λεομένοισι δὲ ἐν τῇ πηγῇ καμάτων τε ἐστὶ καὶ ἀλγημάτων πάντων ἰάματα*. Pausanias. l. 6. p. 510.

<sup>42</sup> *Νυμφικα*, and *Λητρα*, are put by Hesychius, as synonymous.

Omnibus aquis *Nymphæ* sunt præsidentes. Servius upon Virgil. Eclog. 1.

Thetis was stiled *Nympha*, merely because she was supposed to be water. *Thetidem dici voluerunt aquam, unde et Nympha dicta est*. Fulgentij Mytholog. c. viii. p. 720.

<sup>43</sup> Pausanias. l. 8. p. 670.

Young women were by the later Greeks, and by the Romans, stiled *Nymphæ*; but improperly. *Nympha* vox, Græcorum *Νυμφα*, non fuit ab origine Virgini sive Puellæ propria: sed solummodo partem corporis denotabat. Ægyptijs, sicut omnia animalia, lapides, frutices, atque herbas, ita omne membrum atque omnia corporis humani loca, aliquo deī titulo mos fuit denotare. Hinc cor nuncupabant *Ath*, uterum *Mathyr*, vel *Mether*: et fontem fæmineum, sicut et alios fontes, nomine *Ain Omphe*, Græce *νυμφη*, insignibant: quod  
ab



name for these places was Ain-Ades, the fountain of Ades, or the Sun: which in like manner was changed to *Ναϊαδες*, Naiades, a species of Deities of the same class. Fountains of bitumen in Sufiana and Babylonia were called Ain-Aptha, the fountains of Aptha, the God of fire: which by the Greeks was rendered Naptha, a name given to <sup>44</sup> bitumen. As they changed Ain Omphē to Numphia, a Goddess; they accordingly denominated the place itself *Νυμφεῖον*, Nymphæum: and wherever a place occurs of that name, there will be found something particular in its circumstances. We are told by <sup>45</sup> Pliny, that the river Tigris, being stopped in its course by the mountains of Taurus, loses itself under ground, and rises again on the other side at Nymphæum. According to Marcellinus it seems to be at Nymphæum, that it sinks into the earth. Be it as it may, this, he tells us, is the place where that fiery matter called naptha issued: from whence

ab Ægyptijs ad Græcos derivatum est.—Hinc legimus, *Νυμφη πηγή, και νεο-γamos γυνη, νυμφην δε καλεσι κτλ.* Suidas.

*Παρ' Αθηναίοις ἡ τῆς Διὸς μητήρ, Νυμφη.* Ibidem.

<sup>44</sup> Naptha is called Apthas by Simplicius in *Categoric. Aristotelis*. *Και ὁ Αφθας δεχεται προῤῥωθεν τῆς πυρός εἶδος.* The same by Gregory Nyssen is contracted, and called after the Ionic manner *Φθης*: ὡς περὶ ὁ καλεσμενος Φθης εξαπτεται. *Liber de animâ.* On which account these writers are blamed by the learned Valesius. They are however guilty of no mistake; only use the word out of composition. Ain-Aptha, contracted Naptha, was properly the fountain itself: the matter which proceeded from it was stiled Apthas, Pthas, and Ptha. It was one of the titles of the God of fire, called Apha-Astus, the Hephaestus of the Greeks; to whom this inflammable substance was sacred.

See Valesij notæ in *Amm. Marcellinum*: l. 23. p. 285.

Epirus was denominated from the worship of fire; and one of its rivers was called the Aphas.

<sup>45</sup> Pliny. l. 31. p. 333.



undoubtedly the place had its name. <sup>46</sup> Bitumen nascitur prope lacum Sofingitem, cujus alveo Tigris voratus, fluenf- que subterraneus, procurfis spatiis longis, emergit. Hic et Naptha gignitur specie piceâ. In his pagis hiatus conspici- tur terræ, unde halitus lethalis exurgens, quodcunque animal prope confistit, odore gravi confumit. There was an island of the like nature at the mouth of the river Indus, which was sacred to the Sun, and stiled Cubile <sup>47</sup> Nympharum : in quâ nullum non animal absumitur. In Athamania was a temple of the Nymphs, or <sup>48</sup> Nymphæum ; and near it a fountain of fire, which consumed things brought near to it. Hard by Apollonia was an eruption of bituminous matter, like that in Assyria : and this too was named <sup>49</sup> Nymphæum. The same author (Strabo) mentions, that in Seleucia, stiled Pieria, there was a like bituminous eruption, taken notice of by Posidonius ; and that it was called Ampelitis : <sup>50</sup> Την Αμπελιτην γην ασφαλτωδη, την εν Σελευκεια τη Πιερια μεταλ- λευομενην. The hot streams, and poisonous effluvia near Puteoli and lake Avernus are well known. It was esteemed a place of great sanctity ; and people of a prophetic character are said to have here resided. Here was a <sup>51</sup> Nymphæum, supposed to

<sup>46</sup> Marcellinus. l. 23. p. 285.

<sup>47</sup> Pliny. l. 6. p. 326.

<sup>48</sup> Strabo. l. 7. p. 487. See Antigoni Carystii Mirabilia. p. 163.

<sup>49</sup> Εν τη χωρα των Απολλωνιατων καλειται τι Νυμφαιον· πετρα δε εσι πυρ αναδιδουσα· υπ' αυτη δε κρηναι ρεουσι χλιαροι Ασφαλτε. Strabo. l. 7. p. 407.

<sup>50</sup> Strabo. Ibidem. l. 7. p. 487. He supposes, that it was called Ampelitis from αμπελος, the vine : because its waters were good to kill vermin, Ακος της φθειρι- ωσης αμπελος. A far fetched etymology. Neither Strabo, nor Posidonius, whom he quotes, considers that the term is of Syriac original.

<sup>51</sup> Philostrati vita Apollonii. l. 8. c. 4. p. 416.



have been an oracular temple. There was a method of divination at Rome, mentioned by <sup>52</sup> Dion Cassius, in which people formed their judgment of future events from the steam of lighted frankincense. The terms of inquiry were remarkable: for their curiosity was indulged in respect to every future contingency; excepting death and marriage. The place of divination was here too called <sup>53</sup> Nymphæum. Pausanias takes notice of a cavern near Platea, which was sacred to the Nymphs of Cithæron: Ὑπὲρ δὲ τῆς κορυφῆς, ἐφ' ἣν τὸν βῶμον ποιεῖνται, πέντε πρὸς μάλιστα καὶ δέκα ὑποκαταβάντι σταδίων ΝΥΜΦΩΝ ἔστιν ἀντρὸν Κιθαίωνιδων—ΜΑΝΤΕΥΕΣΘΑΙ δὲ τὰς Νύμφας τὸ ἀρχαῖον αὐτοῖσι ἐχει λόγος. We find that the Nymphs of this place had been of old prophetic. Evagrius mentions a splendid building at Antioch called Nymphæum; remarkable <sup>54</sup> Ναμάτων πλῆτῳ, for the advantage of its waters. There was a Nymphæum at Rome mentioned by Marcellinus. <sup>55</sup> Septemzodum celebrem locum, ubi Nymphæum Marcus condidit Imperator. Here were the Thermæ Antonianæ. As from Ain Ompha came Nympha; so from Al Ompha was derived Lympha. This differed from Aqua, or common water, as being of a sacred, and prophetic nature. The ancients thought, that all mad persons were gifted with divination; and they were in consequence of it stiled *Lymphati*.

From what has preceded, we may perceive that there once

<sup>52</sup> Dionis Historia Romana. Johannis Rosin: Antiq. l. 3. c. 11.

<sup>53</sup> Pausanias. l. 9. p. 718.

<sup>54</sup> Evagrius. l. 3. c. 12.

<sup>55</sup> Marcellinus. l. 15. c. 7. p. 68.



existed a wonderful resemblance in the rites, customs, and terms of worship, among nations widely separated. Of this, as I proceed, many instances will be continually produced. I have already mentioned, that this similitude in terms, and the religious system, which was so widely propagated, were owing to one great family, who spread themselves almost universally. Their colonies went abroad under the sanction and direction of their priests; and carried with them both the rites and the records of their country. Celsus took notice of this; and thought that people payed too little attention to memorials of this nature. He mentions particularly the oracular temples at Dodona, at Delphi, at Claros, with those of the Branchidæ and Amonians: at the same time passing over many other places, from whose priests and votaries the whole earth seemed to have been peopled<sup>56</sup>. Τα μὲν ὑπο τῆς Πυθίας, ἡ Δωδωνίων, ἡ Κλαρίῃ, ἡ ἐν Βραγχιδαίῃ, ἡ ἐν Ἀμμωνός, ὑπο μυρίων τε ἄλλων θεοπροπῶν προειρημένα, ὑφ' ὧν ἐπιεικῶς πᾶσα γῆ κατὰ κλισίαν, ταῦτα μὲν οὐδενὶ λόγῳ τίθενται. As colonies went abroad under the influence, and direction of their tutelary Deities; those Deities were stiled Ἡγεμόνες, and Ἀρχηγεταί: and the colony was denominated from some sacred title of the God. A colony was planted at Miletus; of which the conducting Deity was Diana. <sup>57</sup>Σε γὰρ ποιήσατο Νηλεὺς Ἡγεμονίην. This Goddess is stiled πολυπτολίς, because this office was particularly ascribed to her:

<sup>56</sup> Celsus apud Originem. l. 7. p. 333.

See also Plutarch. de Oraculorum defectu.

<sup>57</sup> Callimachus. Hymn to Diana. v. 226.



and she had many places under her patronage. Jupiter accordingly tells her :

<sup>58</sup> Τρεῖς δέκα τοι πόλιεθρα, καὶ ἐκ ἑνὸς πύργον ὀπάσσω.

Thrice ten fair cities shall your portion be,  
And many a stately tower.

Apollo likewise was called Οἰκτισης and Ἀρχηγετης, from being the supposed founder of cities ; which were generally built in consequence of some oracle.

<sup>59</sup> Φοῖβω δ' εἰσπομενοὶ πόλεας διμετρήσαντο

Ἀνθρώποι· Φοῖβος γὰρ αἰὲν πόλιν οἰκισσὶ φιλήδει

Κτιζομέναις· αὐτὸς δὲ θεμειλία Φοῖβος ὑφαίνει.

'Tis through Apollo's tutelary aid,  
That men go forth to regions far remote,  
And cities found : Apollo ever joys  
In founding cities.

What colony, says <sup>60</sup> Cicero, did Greece ever send into Ætolia, Ionia, Asia, Sicily or Italy, without having first consulted about every circumstance relative to it, either at Delphi, or Dodona, or at the oracle of Ammon. And Lucian speaks to the same purpose. <sup>61</sup> Οὐτε πόλεας ὠκίζον, οὐδὲ τείχεα περιέβαλλοντο——πρὶν ἂν δὴ παρὰ Μαντεῶν ἀμυσταὶ ἕκαστα. *People would not venture to build cities, nor even raise the walls, till they had made proper enquiry among those, who were prophetically gifted, about the success of their operations.*

<sup>58</sup> Callimachus. *ibid.* v. 33.

Πολλὰς δὲ ξυνη πόλεας,

<sup>59</sup> Callimachus. *Hymn to Apollo.* v. 56.

<sup>60</sup> Cicero *de naturâ Deorum.* l. 1.

<sup>61</sup> Lucian, *Astrolog.* v. 1. p. 993.



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## P A T O R   and   P A T R A.

**I** Cannot help thinking that the word *πατήρ*, pater, when used in the religious addresses of the Greeks and Romans, meant not, as is supposed, a father, or parent; but related to the divine influence of the Deity, called by the people of the east, Pator, as I have <sup>1</sup> shewn. From hence I should infer, that two words, originally very distinct, have been rendered one and the <sup>2</sup> same. The word pater, in the common acceptation, might be applicable to Saturn; for he was supposed to have been the father of all the Gods, and was therefore so entitled by the ancient poet Sulpitius.

<sup>3</sup> Jane pater, Jane tuens, Dive biceps, biformis,

O, cate rerum fator, O, principium Deorum.

But when it became a title, which was bestowed upon Gods of every denomination, it made Jupiter animadvert with some warmth upon the impropriety, if we may credit Lucilius:

<sup>1</sup> See in the former treatise, inscribed *Ομφν*.

<sup>2</sup> Are not all the names, which relate to the different stages of manhood, as well as to family cognation, taken from the titles of priests, which were originally used in temples; such as Pater, Vir, Virgo, Puer, Mater, Matrona, Patronus, Frater, Soror, *Ἀδελφοί*, *Κεῖρος*?

<sup>3</sup> Verses from an ancient Choriambic poem, which are quoted by Terentianus Maurus de Metris.



4 Ut nemo sit nostrum, quin pater optimus Divôm est:  
 Ut Neptunus pater, Liber, Saturnus pater, Mars,  
 Janus, Quirinus, pater, omnes dicamur ad unum.

And not only the Gods, but the Hierophantæ in most temples; and those priests in particular, who were occupied in the celebration of mysteries, were stiled Patres: so that it was undoubtedly a religious term imported from Egypt, the same as Pator, and Patora, before mentioned. I have taken notice, that the Pateræ of Curtius were the priests of Hamon: but that writer was unacquainted with the true meaning of the word; as well as with the pronunciation, which seems to have been penultimâ productâ. The worship of Ham, or the Sun, as it was the most ancient, so it was the most universal of any in the world. It was at first the prevailing religion of Greece; and was propagated over all the sea coast of Europe: from whence it extended itself into the inland provinces. It was established in Gaul and Britain; and was the original religion of this island, which the Druids in after times adopted. That it went high in the north is evident from Ausonius, who takes notice of its existing in his time. He had relations, who were priests of this order and denomination: and who are on that account complimented by him in his ode to Attius Patera 5 Rhetor.

Tu Boiocassis stirpe Druidarum fatus,  
 Si fama non fallat fidem,

4 Lucilii Fragmenta.

5 Ode of Ausonius to Attius Patera Rhetor in Professorum Burdigalensium commemoratione. Ode 10.



Beleni sacratum ducis e templo genus,  
 Et inde vobis nomina,  
 Tibi Pateræ: sic ministros nuncupant  
 Apollinares Mystici.  
 Fratri, Patrique nomen a Phæbo datum,  
 Natoque de Delphis tuo.

He mentions, that this worship prevailed particularly in Armorica; of which country his relations were natives.

<sup>6</sup> Nec reticebo Senem,  
 Nomine Phœbicum,  
 Qui Beleni Ædituus,  
 Stirpe satus Druidum,  
 Gentis Armoricæ.

Belin, the Deity, of whom he speaks, was the same as <sup>7</sup> Bel and Balen of Babylonia, and Canaan; the Orus and Apollo of other nations. Herodian takes notice of his being worshiped by the people of Aquileia; and says, that they called him Belin, and paid great reverence, esteeming him the same as <sup>8</sup> Apollo.

The true name of the Amonian priests I have shewn to have been Petor or Pator; and the instrument, which they held in their hands, was stiled Petaurum. They used to dance round a large fire in honour of the Sun, whose orbit

<sup>6</sup> Ausonius. Ode 4.

<sup>7</sup> He is called Balen by Æschylus. Persæ. p. 156. Βαλην, αρχαιος Βαλην.

<sup>8</sup> Βελιν δε καλουν τετον σεβειν δε υπερωως, Απολλωνα ειναι εθελοντες. Herodian. l. 8. of the Aquileians.

Inscriptio vetus Aquileiæ reperta. APOLLINI BELENO: C. AQUILEIENS. FELIX.

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they affected to describe. At the same time they exhibited other feats of activity, to amuse the votaries, who resorted to their temples. This dance was sometimes performed in armour, especially in Crete: and being called Pyrrhic was supposed to have been so named from Pyrrhus, the son of Achilles. But when was he in Crete? Besides it is said to have been practised by the Argonautic heroes before his time. It was a religious dance, denominated from fire, with which it was accompanied.

<sup>9</sup> Ἀμφὶ δὲ δαιομένοις εὐρὺν χορὸν ἐσησαντο,  
Καλὸν Ἰηπαιηόν', Ἰηπαιηόνα Φοῖβον  
Μελπομένοι.

It was originally an Egyptian dance in honour of Hermes; and practised by the Pataræ or Priests. In some places it was esteemed a martial exercise; and exhibited by persons in armour, who gave it the name of Betarmus. We have an instance of it in the same poet.

<sup>10</sup> Ἀμυδὶς δὲ νεοὶ Ὀρφεὺς ἀνωγῇ  
Σκαιοῦντες Βηταρμον ἐνοπλίον ὀρχήσαντο,  
Καὶ σάκεα ξιφῆσσι ὑπέκτυπον.

Βηταρμος, Betarmus, was a name given to the dance from the temple of the Deity, where it was probably first practised. It is a compound of Bet Armes, or Armon, called more properly Hermes, and Hermon. Bet and Beth among the Amonians denoted a temple. There is reason to think that the circular dances of the Dervises all over the east are remains

<sup>9</sup> Apollonius Rhodius. Argonautic. l. 2. v. 703.

<sup>10</sup> Apollonius Rhodius. l. 1. v. 1135.



of these ancient customs. In the first ages this exercise was esteemed a religious rite, and performed by people of the temple, where it was exhibited: but in aftertimes the same feats were imitated by ropedancers, and vagrants, called *Petauristæ*, and *Petauristarii*; who made use of a kind of pole, stiled *petaurum*. Of these the Roman writers make frequent mention; and their feats are alluded to by Juvenal:

<sup>11</sup> An magis oblectant animum jactata petauro

Corpora, quique solent rectum descendere funem?

Manilius likewise gives an account of this people, and their activity; wherein may be observed some remains of the original institution:

<sup>12</sup> Ad numeros etiam ille ciet cognata per artem

Corpora, quæ valido saliant excussa petauro:

Membraque *per flammæ orbesque* emissa flagrantes,

Delphinumque suo per inane imitantia motu,

Et viduata volant pennis, et in aëre ludunt.

I have shewn, that the *Pateræ*, or Priests, were so denominated from the Deity stiled *Pator*; whose shrines were named *Patera*, and *Petora*. They were oracular temples of the Sun; which in aftertimes were called *Petra*, and ascribed to other Gods. Many of them for the sake of mariners were erected upon rocks, and eminences near the sea: hence the term *πέτρα*, *petra*, came at length to signify any rock or stone, and to be in a manner confined to that meaning. But in the first ages it was ever taken in a religious sense; and related to the shrines of *Osiris*, or the Sun, and to the oracles, which

<sup>11</sup> Juvenal. Sat. 14. v. 265.

<sup>12</sup> Manilius. l. 5. v. 434.



were supposed to be there exhibited. Thus Olympus near Pila, though no rock, but a huge mound, or hill (<sup>13</sup> Περί γὰρ τοῦ Κρονίου ΛΟΦΟΝ ἀγεται τὰ Ὀλυμπία) was of old termed Petra, as relating to oracular influence. Hence Pindar speaking of Iämus, who was supposed to have been conducted by Apollo to Olympia, says, *that they both came to the Petra Elibatos upon the lofty Cronian mount : there Apollo bestowed upon Iämus a double portion of prophetic knowledge.*

<sup>14</sup> Ἰκοντο δ' ὑψηλοῖο Πετρᾶν

Ἀλιβάτῃ Κρονίῃ,

Ἐνθ' οἱ ὠπάσε θεσαυρον

Διδυμον ΜΑΝΤΟΣΥΝΑΣ.

The word Ἠλιβάτος, Elibatos, was a favourite term with Homer, and other poets ; and is uniformly joined with Petra. They do not seem to have known the purport of it ; yet they adhere to it religiously, and introduce it wherever they have an opportunity. Ἠλιβάτος is an Amonian compound of Eli-Bat, and signifies solis domus, vel <sup>15</sup> templum. It was the name of the temple, and specified the Deity there worshipped. In like manner the word Petra had in great measure lost its meaning ; yet it is wonderful to observe how indus-

<sup>13</sup> Phavorinus.

Ἡ Ὀλυμπία πρῶτον Κρονίος λοφος ἐλεγετο. Scholia in Lycophron. v. 42.

Σωτήρ ὑψιπέφες Ζεῦ, Κρονίον τε ναιῶν λοφον. Pindar. Olymp. Ode 5. p. 43.

<sup>14</sup> Pindar. Olympic Ode 6. p. 52.

Apollo was the same as Iämus ; whose priests were the Iämidæ, the most ancient order in Greece.

<sup>15</sup> It is a word of Amonian original, analogous to Eliza-bet, Bet-Armus, Bet-Tumus in India, Phainobeth in Egypt.



triously it is introduced by writers, when they speak of sacred and oracular places. Lycophron calls the temple at Elis<sup>16</sup> *Λευραν Μολπιδος πετραν*: and the Pytho at Delphi is by Pindar stiled *Petraëssa*:<sup>17</sup> *Επει Πετραεσσας ελαινων ικετ' εκ Πυθωνος*. Orchomenos was a place of great antiquity; and the natives are said to have worshiped Petra, which were supposed to have fallen from<sup>18</sup> heaven. At Athens in the Acropolis was a sacred cavern, which was called *Petræ Macræ*, *Petræ Cecropiæ*.

<sup>19</sup> *Ακχε τεινον, οιδθα Κεκροπιας πετρας,*

*Προσβορρον αντρον, ας Μακρας κικλησκομεν.*

I have shewn that people of old made use of caverns for places of worship: hence this at Athens had the name of Petra, or temple.<sup>20</sup> It is said of Ceres, that, after she had wandered over the whole earth, she at last reposed herself upon a stone at Eleufis. They in like manner at Delphi shewed the petra, upon which the Sibyl Herophile at her first arrival sat<sup>21</sup> down. In short there is in the history of every oracular temple some legend about a stone; some reference to the word Petra. To clear this up it is necessary to observe, that, when the worship of the Sun was almost universal, this was one name of that Deity even among the Greeks.

<sup>16</sup> Lycophron. v. 159. here they sacrificed *Ζηνι Ομβριω*

<sup>17</sup> Pindar. Olymp. Ode 6. p. 51.

<sup>18</sup> *Τας μεν δη πετρας σεβουσι τε μαλιτα, και τω Ετεοκλει φασιν αυτας πεσειν εκ του ουρανου*. Pausanias. l. 9. p. 786.

<sup>19</sup> Euripides in Ione. v. 935. See Radicals. p. 67. Macar.

<sup>20</sup> Clemens Alexand. Strom. l. 1. p. 358.

<sup>21</sup> Pausanias. l. 10. p. 825.



They called him Petor, and Petros; and his temple was stiled Petra. This they oftentimes changed to λιθος; so little did they understand their own mythology. There were however some writers, who mentioned it as the name of the Sun, and were not totally ignorant of its meaning. This we may learn from the Scholiast upon Pindar. <sup>22</sup> Περὶ δὲ τοῦ Ἑλίου οἱ φυσικοὶ φασιν, ὡς λιθος καλεῖται ὁ Ἑλιος. Καὶ Ἀναξαγόρου γενομένου Εὐριπίδην μαθητὴν, Πέτρον εἰρηκεῖναι τὸν Ἑλίον διὰ τῶν προκειμένων.

Ὁ γὰρ Μακάριος, κ' ἐκ ονειδίζω τυχάς,  
Δίος πεφυκώς, ὡς λεγέσσι, Τανταλος,  
Κορυφῆς ὑπερτελλόντα δειμαίνων ΠΕΤΡΟΝ,  
Ἀερί ποτᾶται, καὶ τινεὶ ταύτην δίκην.

The same Scholiast quotes a similar passage from the same writer, where the Sun is called Petra.

<sup>23</sup> Μόλοιμι τὰν οὐρανὸν μέσαν  
Χθονὸς τε τεταμένην αἰωρημασί πετρᾶν,  
Ἀλυσέσι χρυσεαῖς φερόμεναν.

If then the name of the Sun, and of his temples, was among the ancient Grecians Petros, and Petra; we may easily account for that word so often occurring in the accounts of his worship. The Scholia above will moreover lead us to discover, whence the strange notion arose about the famous Anaxagoras of Clazomenæ; who is said to have prophesied, that a stone would fall from the Sun. All, that he had averred, may be seen in the relation of the Scholiast above: which amounts

<sup>22</sup> Pindar. Olymp. Ode 1. p. 8.

<sup>23</sup> Scholia in Pindar. Olymp. Ode 1. p. 8.



only to this, that Petros was a name of the Sun. It was a word of Egyptian original, derived from Petor, the same as Ham, the Iämus of the ancient Greeks. This Petros some of his countrymen understood in a different sense; and gave out, that he had foretold a stone would drop from the Sun. Some were idle enough to think that it was accomplished: and in consequence of it pretended to shew at Ægospotamos the very <sup>25</sup> stone, which was said to have fallen. The like story was told of a stone at Abydus upon the Hellespont: and Anaxagoras was here too supposed to have been the prophet <sup>26</sup>. In Abydi gymnasio ex eâ causâ colitur hodieque modicus quidem (lapis), sed quem in medio terrarum casurum Anaxagoras prædixisse narratur. The temples, or Petra here mentioned, were Omphalian, or Oracular: hence they were by a common mistake supposed to have been in the center of the habitable globe. They were also Ηλιβατοι Πετραι: which Elibatos the Greeks derived from βαινω descendo; and on this account the Petra were thought to have fallen from the <sup>27</sup> Sun. We may by this clue unravel the mysterious story of Tantalus; and account for the punishment, which he was doomed to undergo.

<sup>28</sup> Κορῶ δ' ἔλεν  
 Αταν ὑπεροπλόν,  
 Ταν οἱ πατρὸς ὑπεγκρεμασε,  
 Καρτερον αὐτῷ λίθον,

<sup>25</sup> Diogenes Laertius: Vita Anaxagoræ.

<sup>26</sup> Pliny. l. 2. c. 58. p. 102.

<sup>27</sup> Ηλιβατον πετραι they construed λιθον αὐτῷ ἡλίου βαϊνομενον.

<sup>28</sup> Pindar. Olympic. Ode 1. p. 8.



Τον αει μενοιων κεφαλᾶς βάλειν  
 Ευφροσυνας αλαται.

The unhappy Tantalus  
 From a satiety of ~~happiness~~ bliss  
 Underwent a cruel reverse.  
 He was doom'd to sit under a huge stone;  
 Which the father of the Gods  
 Kept over his head suspended.  
 Thus he sat  
 In continual dread of its downfall,  
 And lost to every comfort.

It is said of Tantalus by some, that he was set up to his chin in water, with every kind of fruit within reach: yet hungry as he was and thirsty, he could never attain to what he wanted; every thing, which he caught at, eluding his efforts. But from the account given above by <sup>29</sup> Pindar, as well as by <sup>30</sup> Alcæus, Alcman, and other writers, his punishment consisted in having a stone hanging over his head; which kept him in perpetual fear. What is stiled λίθος, was I make no doubt originally Petros; which has been misinterpreted a stone. Tantalus is termed by Euripides ακολαστος την γλωσσαν, a man of an ungovernable tongue: and his history at bottom relates to a person, who revealed the mysteries, in which he had been <sup>31</sup> initiated. The Scholiast upon

<sup>29</sup> Τον ὑπερ κεφαλᾶς Τανταλῶ λίθον. Pindar. Isthm. Ode 8. p. 482.

<sup>30</sup> Αλκαῖος, καὶ Αλκμαν λίθον φασιν ἐπαιωρεῖσθαι Τανταλῶ. Scholia upon Pindar. Olymp. Ode 1. p. 8.

<sup>31</sup> Πινε λέγει τὸ τοξεύμα, καὶ ὀργία μανθάνε σιγῆς. Antholog.



Lycophron describes him in this light ; and mentions him as a priest, who out of good nature divulged some secrets of his cloister ; and was upon that account ejected from the society<sup>32</sup>. 'Ο Τανταλος ευσέβης και θεοσεπτωρ ην Ἰερευς, και φιλανθρωπια τα των θεων μυστηρια τοις αμνητοις ὑπερον ειπων, εξεβληθη τε ιερα καταλογε. The mysteries, which he revealed, were those of Osiris, the Sun : the Petor, and Petora of Egypt. He never afterwards could behold the Sun in its meridian, but it put him in mind of his crime : and he was afraid that the vengeance of the God would overwhelm him. This Deity, the Petor, and Petora of the Amonians, being by the later Greeks expressed Petros, and Petra, gave rise to the fable above about the stone of Tantalus. To this solution the same Scholiast upon Pindar bears witness, by informing<sup>33</sup> that the Sun was of old called a stone : and that some writers understood the story of Tantalus in this light ; intimating that it was the Sun, which hung over his head to his perpetual terror. <sup>34</sup> Ενιοι ακαχεσι τον λιθον επι τε ηλια. —και επηρωρειδαι αυτε (Τανταλε) τον ηλιον, υφ' ω δειματταται, και καταπτησσειν. And again, Περι δε τε ηλια οι φυσικοι λεγουσιν, ως λιθος. (it should be πετρα) καλειται ο ηλιος. *Some understand, what is said in the history about the stone, as relating to the Sun : and they suppose that it was the Sun, which hung over his head to his terror and confusion. The naturalists speaking of the Sun often call him a stone, or petra.*

<sup>32</sup> Scholia upon Lycophron. v. 152.

<sup>33</sup> Scholia upon Pindar. Olymp. Ode 1: p. 8.

<sup>34</sup> Pindar. Scholia. Ibidem.



By laying all these circumstances together, and comparing them, we may, I think, not only find out wherein the mistake consisted; but likewise explain the grounds, from whence the mistake arose. And this clue may lead us to the detection of other fallacies, and those of greater consequence. We may hence learn the reason, why so many Deities were stiled Πέτραιοι, Petræi. We read of <sup>35</sup> Μιθράς, ὁ θεὸς ἐκ πέτρης, *Mithras, the Deity out of the rock*; whose temple of old was really a rock or cavern. The same worship seems to have prevailed in some degree in the west; as we may judge from an ancient inscription at Milan, which was dedicated <sup>36</sup> Herculi in Petrâ. But all Deities were not so worshiped: and the very name Petra was no other than the sacred term Petora, given to a cavern, as being esteemed in the first ages an oracular temple. And some reverence to places of this sort was kept up a long time. We may from hence understand the reason of the prohibition given to some of the early profelytes to Christianity, that they should no more <sup>37</sup> ad petras vota reddere: and by the same light we may possibly explain that passage in Homer, where he speaks of persons entering into compacts under oaks, and rocks, as places of <sup>38</sup> security. The oak was

<sup>35</sup> Justin. Martyr ad Tryphonem. p. 168. The rites of Mithras were stiled Patrica.

<sup>36</sup> Gruter. Inscript. p. xlix. n. 2.

<sup>37</sup> Indiculus Paganiarum in Consilio Leptinensi ad ann. Christi 743.

See du Fresne Gloss. and Hoffman. Petra.

Nullus Christianus ad fana, vel ad Petras vota reddere præsumat.

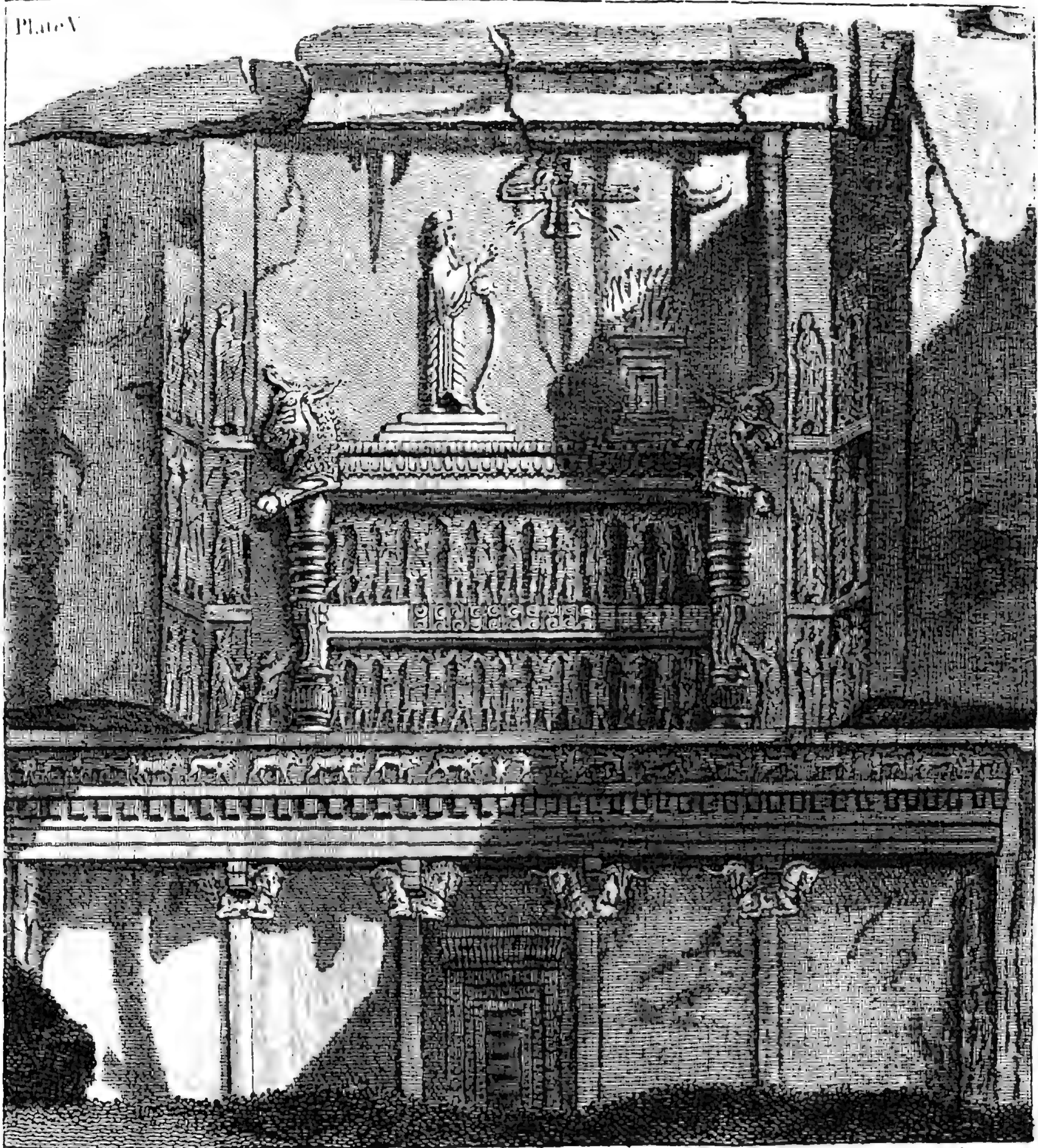
<sup>38</sup> Οὐ μὲν ποῦς νῦν ἐστὶν ὑπὸ δρυὸς, θδ' ὑπὸ πέτρῃς

Τῶν ἱερειζόμεναι, ἅτε παρθένος, ἡθεὸς τε,

Παρθένος, ἡθεὸς τ' ἱερειζέτοιν ἀλληλοισιν. Homer. Iliad. χ. v. 126.

Ἀιδοῦνται, δημηγοροῖ, ἐπὶ τῷ λίθῳ ὁμνούντες. Hesychius.





*The Temple of Mithras Petraeus in the Mountains of Persia. (See Plate IV.)*



sacred to Zeus, and called Sar-On : and Petra in its original sense being a temple, must be looked upon as an asylum. But this term was not confined to a rock or cavern : every oracular temple was stiled Petra, and Petora. Hence it proceeded that so many Gods were called Θεοὶ Πετραῖοι, and Πατρώοι. Pindar speaks of Poseidon Petraios; <sup>39</sup> Παι Ποσειδωνος Πετραίη : under which title Neptune was worshiped by the Thessalians : but the latter was the more common title. We meet in Pausanias with Apollo Patroüs, and with <sup>40</sup> Ζεὺς Μειλιχίος, and Ἀρτεμὶς Πατρώα ; also <sup>41</sup> Bacchus Πατρώος, Zeus Patroüs, and Vesta Patroa, together with other instances.

The Greeks, whenever they met with this term, even in regions the most remote, always gave it an interpretation according to their own preconceptions; and explained Θεοὶ Πατρώοι, the oracular Deities, by Dii Patrii, or the Gods of

<sup>39</sup> Pindar. Pyth. Ode 4. p. 248.

Πετραῖος τιμάται Ποσειδῶν παρὰ Θετταλοῖς. Scholia ibidem.

<sup>40</sup> Zeus was represented by a pyramid : Artemis by a pillar. Πυραμίδι δὲ ὁ Μειλιχίος, ἥ δὲ κιονιστὶν εἰκασμένη. Pausan. l. 2. p. 132.

<sup>41</sup> Pausanias. l. 1. p. 104.

According to the acceptation, in which I understand the term, we may account for so many places in the east being stiled Petra. Persis, and India, did not abound with rocks more than Europe : yet in these parts, as well as in the neighbouring regions, there is continually mention made of Petra : such as Πετρα Σισιμιθρῆ in Sogdiana, Petra Aornon in India, καὶ τὴν τε Οὔα (Πετραί), οἱ δὲ Ἀριαμαζεῖ. Strabo. l. 11. p. 787. Petra Abatos in Egypt : Πετρα Ναβαταία in Arabia. Many places called Petra occur in the history of Alexander : Ἐλεῖν δὲ καὶ Πετρας ἐξυμνας σφοδρὰ ἐκ προσέσεως. Strabo. l. 11. p. 787. They were in reality sacred eminences, where of old they worshiped ; which in aftertimes were fortified. Every place stiled Arx and Ἀκροπολις was originally of the same nature. The same is to be observed of those stiled Purgoi.

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the country. Thus in the Palmyrene inscription two Syrian Deities are characterized by this title.

<sup>42</sup> Α Γ Λ Ι Β Ω Λ Ω Κ Α Ι Μ Α Λ Α Χ Β Η Λ Ω  
Π Α Τ Ρ Ω Ο Ι Σ Θ Ε Ο Ι Σ.

Cyrus in his expedition against the Medes is represented as making vows <sup>43</sup> Ἐστὶ Πατρῶα, καὶ Διὶ Πατρῶω, καὶ τοῖς ἀλλοῖς Θεοῖς. But the Persians, from whom this history is presumed to be borrowed, could not mean by these terms Dii Patrii: for nothing could be more unnecessary than to say of a Persian prince, that the homage, which he payed, was to Persian Deities. It is a thing of course, and to be taken for granted; unless there be particular evidence to the contrary. His vows were made to Mithras, who was stiled by the nations in the east Pator; his temples were Patra, and Petra, and his festivals Patrica. Nonnus gives a proper account of the Petra, when he represents it as Omphean, or oracular:

<sup>44</sup> Ομφαίη περὶ Πέτρῃ  
Εἰσέτι νηπιαχοῖο χορὸς ἰδρυσάτο Βακχῶ.

At Patara in Lycia was an oracular temple: and Patræ in Achaia had its name from divination, for which it was famous. Pausanias mentions the temple, and adds, <sup>45</sup> Πρὸ δὲ τῆς Ἰεῦς τῆς Δημητρός ἐστὶ πηγή——μαντεῖον δὲ ἐνταῦθα ἐστὶν ἀψευδές. *Before the temple is the fountain of Demeter—and in the temple an oracle, which never is known to fail.*

<sup>42</sup> Gruter. Inscript. lxxxvi. n. 8.

<sup>43</sup> Xenophon. Κυροπαίδεα.

<sup>44</sup> Nonnus. Dionysiaca. l. ix. p. 266.

<sup>45</sup> Pausanias. l. 7. p. 577.



The offerings, which people in ancient times used to present to the Gods, were generally purchased at the entrance of the temple; especially every species of consecrated bread, which was denominated accordingly. If it was an oracular temple of Alphi, the loaves and cakes were stiled <sup>46</sup> Alphita. If it was expressed Ampi, or Ompi; the cakes were Ompai <sup>47</sup>, Ομπαι : at the temple of Adorus <sup>48</sup>, Adorea. Those made in honour of Ham-orus had the name of <sup>49</sup> Homoura, Amora, and Omoritæ. Those sacred to Peon, the God of light, were called <sup>50</sup> Piones. At Cha-on, which signifies the house of the Sun, <sup>51</sup> Cauones, Χαυωνες. From Pur-Ham, and Pur-Amon, they were denominated Puramoun, <sup>52</sup> Πυραμουν. From Ob-

<sup>46</sup> ΑΛΦΙΤΟΝ, τὸ ἀπο νεας κριθῆς, ἡ σιτὴ πεφυρμένον αλευρον. Hesychius.

Αλφίτα μελίτι καὶ ἐλαίῳ δέδευμένα. Hesych.

<sup>47</sup> ΟΜΠΑΙ, θυμάτα, καὶ πυροὶ μελίτι δέδευμένοι. Hesychius.

ΟΜΠΙΑ, παντοδαπα τρωγαλία. Ibidem.

If it was expressed Amphi, the cakes were Amphitora, Amphimantora, Amphimafta : which seem to have been all nearly of the same composition.

ΑΜΦΑΣΜΑ, ψαίς-α οἶνῳ καὶ ἐλαίῳ βέβρεγμένα. Ibidem.

<sup>48</sup> Fine flour had the sacred name of *Ador*, from *Adorus* the God of day, an Amonian name.

<sup>49</sup> ὍΜΟΥΡΑ, σεμιδάλις ἐφθῆ, μελιεχθσα, καὶ σησαμον. Hesych.

ΑΜΟΡΑ, σεμιδάλις ἐφθῆ συν μελίτι. Ibidem.

ὍΜΟΡΙΤΑΣ, ἄρτος ἐκ πυροῦ διηρημένου γεγονώς. Ibid.

Also Αμορβίται, Amorbitæ. See Athenæus. l. 14. p. 646.

<sup>50</sup> ΠΙΟΝΕΣ, πλακυντες. Hesychius.

Pi-On was the Amonian name of the Sun : as was also Pi-Or, and Pe-Or.

<sup>51</sup> ΧΑΥΩΝΑΣ, ἄρτες ἐλαίῳ αναφυράθεντας κριθινῶς. Suidas.

<sup>52</sup> The latter Greeks expressed Puramoun, Puramous.

ΠΥΡΑΜΟΥΣ, a cake. Ἦν ὁ Πυραμὸς παρὰ τοῖς παλαιοῖς ἐπινικίος. Artemidorus. l. 1. c. 74. Καὶ ὁ διαγρυπνησας μέχρι τὴν ἑω ἐλαμβάνει τὸν πυραμῶντα. Schol. Aristoph. Ἰππεις.



Ob-El, Pytho Deus, came <sup>53</sup> Obelia. If the place were a Petra or Petora, they had offerings of the same sort called Petora, by the Greeks expressed <sup>54</sup> Πιτυρα, Pitura. One of the titles of the Sun was El-Aphas, Sol Deus ignis. This El-aphas the Greeks rendered Elaphos, ελαφος; and supposed it to relate to a deer: and the title El-Apha-Baal, given by the Amonians to the chief Deity, was changed to ελαφηβολος, a term of a quite different purport. El-aphas, and El-apha-baal, related to the God Osiris, the Deity of light: and there were sacred liba made at his temple, similar to those above; and denominated from him Ελαφοι, Elaphoi. In Athenæus we have an account of their composition, which consisted of fine meal, and a mixture of sesamum and honey. <sup>55</sup> Ελαφος πλακας δια σαιτος και μελιτος και σησαμυ.

One species of sacred bread, which used to be offered to the Gods, was of great antiquity, and called Boun. The Greeks, who changed the Nu final into a Sigma, expressed it in the nominative βους; but in the accusative more truly boun, βουν. Hesychius speaks of the Boun, and describes it, ειδος περματος κερατα εχοντος; *a kind of cake with a representation of two horns*. Julius Pollux mentions it after the same manner: βουν, ειδος περματος κερατα εχοντος; *a sort of cake with horns*. Diogenes Laertius, speaking of

See Meursius on Lycophron. v. 593. and Hesych. Πυραμυς, ειδος πλακας.

<sup>53</sup> ΟΒΕΛΙΑΙ, placentæ. Athenæus. l. 14. p. 645.

<sup>54</sup> Νυν θυσω τα ΠΙΤΥΡΑ. Theocritus. Idyl. 2. v. 33.

<sup>55</sup> Athenæus. l. 14. p. 646.



the same offering being made by Empedocles, describes the chief ingredients, of which it was composed; <sup>56</sup> Βεν εθυσεν —εκ μελιτος και αλφιτων. *He offered up one of the sacred liba, called a boun, which was made of fine flour and honey.* It is said of Cecrops, <sup>57</sup> πρωτος Βεν εθυσεν: *He first offered up this sort of sweet bread.* Hence we may judge of the antiquity of the custom from the times, to which Cecrops is referred. The prophet Jeremiah takes notice of this kind of offering, when he is speaking of the Jewish women at Pathros in Egypt, and of their base idolatry; in all which their husbands had encouraged them. The women in their expostulation upon his rebuke tell him: *Since we left off to burn incense to the Queen of heaven, and to pour out drink-offerings unto her, we have wanted all things: and have been consumed by the sword and by the famine. And when we burnt incense to the Queen of heaven, and poured out drink-offerings unto her, did we make her cakes to worship her, and pour out drink-offerings unto her without our* <sup>58</sup> *men?* The prophet in another place takes notice of the same idolatry. <sup>59</sup> *The children gather wood, and the fathers kindle the fire, and the women knead their dough, to make*

<sup>56</sup> Diogenes Laertius: Vita Empedoclis. l. 8.

<sup>57</sup> Some read εθαυμασε. Cedrenus. p. 82. Some have thought, that by Βεν was meant an Ox: but Pausanias says, that these offerings were περμυα: and moreover tells us; εποσα εχει ψυχη, τωτων μεν ηξιωσεν εθεν θυσαι. *Cecrops sacrificed nothing, that had life.* Pausan. l. 8. p. 6co.

<sup>58</sup> Jeremiah. c. 44. v. 18, 19.

<sup>59</sup> Jeremiah. c. 7. v. 18.



*cakes to the Queen of heaven.* The word in these instances for sacred cakes is כֻּנִּים, Cunim. The Seventy translate it by a word of the same purport, Χανωνας, Chauonas ; of which I have before taken notice : <sup>60</sup> Μη ανευ των ανδρων ημων εποιησαμεν αυτη Χανωνας. κτλ.

I have mentioned, that they were sometimes called Petora, and by the Greeks Pitura. This probably was the name of those liba, or cakes, which the young virgins of Babylonia, and Persis, used to offer at the shrine of their God, when they were to be first prostituted : for all before marriage were obliged to yield themselves up to some stranger to be deflowered. It was the custom for all the young women, when they arrived towards maturity, to sit in the avenue of the temple with a girdle, or rope, round their middle ; and whatever passenger laid hold of it was entitled to lead them away. This practice is taken notice of, as subsisting among the Babylonians, in the epistle ascribed to the prophet Jeremiah ; which he is supposed to have written to Baruch. v. 43. Αιδε γυναikes περιθεμεναι σχοινια εν ταις οδοις εγκαθηνται θυμιωσαι τα ΠΙΤΤΡΑ· όταν δε τις αυτων αφελευθεισα υπο τινος των παραπορευομενων κοιμηθη, την πλησιον ονειδιζει, οτι εκ ηξιωται, ωσπερ αυτη, ουτε το σχοινιον αυτης διερραγη. This is a translation from an Hebrew, or Chaldæic, original ; and, I should think, not quite accurate. What is here rendered γυναikes, should, I imagine, be παρθενoi : and the pur-

<sup>60</sup> Jeremiah. c. 51. v. 19. according to the Seventy.

So also c. 7. v. 18. Χανωνας τη εργατια της Ουρανους. Chau-On, domus vel templum Solis.



port will be nearly this. *The virgins of Babylonia put girdles about their waist; and in this habit sit by the way-side, holding their Pitura or sacred offerings over an urn of incense: and when any one of them is taken notice of by a stranger, and led away by her girdle to a place of privacy; upon her return she upbraids her next neighbour for not being thought worthy of the like honour; and for having her zone not yet broken, or <sup>61</sup>loosed.* It was likewise a Persian custom: and seems to have been universally kept up, wherever their religion prevailed. Strabo gives a particular account of this practice, as it was observed in the temple of Anait in Armenia. This was a Persian Deity, who had many places of worship in that part of the world. *Not only the men and maid servants, says the author, are in this manner prostituted at the shrine of the Goddess, for in this there would be nothing extraordinary: <sup>62</sup> ΑΛΛΑ και θυγατερας οἱ επιφανεσατοι τε εθνες ανιερσι παρθενας, αἱς νομος εστι καταπορνευθεισαις πολυν χρονον παρα τη Θεῳ μετα ταυτα δεδοσθαι προς γαμον· ουκ απαξιζοντος τη τοιαυτη συνοικειν ουδενος.* But people of the first fashion in the nation use to devote their own daughters in the same manner; it being a religious institution, that all young virgins shall in honour of the Deity be prostituted, and detained for some time in her temple: after

<sup>61</sup> Herodotus mentions this custom, and styles it justly *αισχιστος των νομων*. He says, that it was practised at the temple of the Babylonish Deity Melitta. l. 1. c. 199.

<sup>62</sup> Strabo. l. 11. p. 805. Anais or Anaït called Tanaïs in this passage: they are the same name.

The same account given of the Lydian women by Herodotus: *πορνευειν γαρ επασασι*. l. 3. c. 93: all universally were devoted to whoredom.

*which;*



*which they are permitted to be given in marriage. Nor is any body at all scrupulous about cohabiting with a young woman afterwards, though she has been in this manner abused.*

The Patrica were not only rites of Mithras, but also of Osiris; who was in reality the same Deity. We have a curious inscription to this purpose, and a representation, which was first exhibited by the learned John Price in his observations upon Apuleius. It is copied from an original, which he saw at Venice: and there is an engraving from it in the Edition of Herodotus by <sup>63</sup> Gronovius, as well as in that by <sup>64</sup> Wesseling: but about the purport of it they are strangely mistaken. They suppose it to relate to a daughter of Mycerinus, the son of Cheops. She died, it seems: and her father was so affected with her death, that he made a bull of wood, which he gilt; and in it interred his daughter. Herodotus says, that he saw the bull of Mycerinus; and that it alluded to this history. But notwithstanding the authority of this great author, we may be assured, that it was an emblematical representation, and an image of the sacred Bull Apis and Mneuis. And in respect to the sculpture above mentioned, and the characters therein expressed, the whole is a religious ceremony, and relates to an event of great antiquity, which was commemorated in the rites of Osiris. Of this I shall treat hereafter: at present it is sufficient to observe, that the sacred process is carried on before a temple; on which is a Greek inscription, but in the provincial characters; Εἰς δὸν

<sup>63</sup> Herodotus. l. 2. c. 129. p. 138.

<sup>64</sup> Herod. l. 2. c. 129. p. 166.



Πατριαν ἑορτήν Φέρω. How can ἑορτή Πατρική relate to a funeral? It denotes a festival in honour of the Sun, who was stiled, as I have shewn, Pator; and his temple was called Patra: from whence these rites were denominated Patrica. Plutarch alludes to this Egyptian ceremony, and supposes it to relate to Isis, and to her mourning for the loss of her son. Speaking of the month Athyr he mentions <sup>65</sup> Βεν διαχρυσον ἱματιῳ μελανι βυσσινῳ περιβαλοντες ἐπὶ πένθει τῆς Θεᾶς δεικνυσιν (οἱ Αἰγυπτιοί). *The Egyptians have a custom in the month Athyr of ornamenting a golden image of a bull; which they cover with a black robe of the finest linen. This they do in commemoration of Isis, and her grief for the loss of Orus.* In every figure, as they are represented in the sculpture, there appears deep silence, and reverential awe: but nothing, that betrays any sorrow in the agents. They may commemorate the grief of Isis; but they certainly do not allude to any misfortune of their own: nor is there any thing the least funereal in the process. The Egyptians of all nations were the most extravagant in their <sup>66</sup> grief. If any died in a family of consequence, the women used by way of shewing their concern to soil their heads with the mud of the river; and to disfigure their faces with filth. In this manner they would run up and down the streets half naked, whipping themselves, as they ran: and the men likewise whipped themselves. They cut off their hair upon the death of a dog; and shaved their eyebrows for a dead cat. We may therefore judge, that

<sup>65</sup> Plutarch. Isis et Osiris. p. 366.

<sup>66</sup> Herodotus. l. 2. c. 85, 86.



some very strong symptoms of grief would have been expressed, had this picture any way related to the sepulture of a king's daughter. Herodotus had his account from different people: one half he confessedly <sup>67</sup> disbelieved; and the remainder was equally incredible. For no king of Egypt, if he had made a representation of the sacred <sup>68</sup> bull, durst have prostituted it for a tomb: and, as I have before said, Ἑορτὴ Πατρικὴ can never relate to a funeral.

<sup>67</sup> Ταῦτα δὲ λέγουσι φλυαροῦντες. Herod. l. 2. c. 131.

<sup>68</sup> The star between the horns shews that it was a representation of the Deity, and the whole a religious memorial.





A N  
A C C O U N T  
O F T H E  
G O D S of G R E E C E;

To shew that they were all originally one God,  
the SUN.

**A**S I shall have a great deal to say concerning the Grecian Theology in the course of this work, it will be necessary to take some previous notice of their Gods ; both in respect to their original, and to their purport. Many learned men have been at infinite pains to class the particular Deities of different countries, and to point out which were the same. But they would have saved themselves much labour, if, before they had bewildered themselves in these fruitless enquiries, they had considered, whether all the Deities, of which they treat, were not originally the same : all from one source ; branched out and diversified



in different parts of the world. I have mentioned, that the nations of the east acknowledged originally but one Deity, the Sun : but when they came to give the titles of Orus, Osiris, and Cham, to some of the heads of their family ; they too in time were looked up to as Gods, and severally worshiped as the Sun. This was practised by the Egyptians : but this nation being much addicted to refinement in their worship, made many subtle distinctions : and supposing that there were certain emanations of divinity, they affected to particularize each by some title ; and to worship the Deity by his attributes. This gave rise to a multiplicity of Gods : for the more curious they were in their disquisitions, the greater was the number of these substitutes. Many of them at first were designed for mere titles : others, as I before mentioned, were *απορροιαί*, derivatives, and emanations : all which in time were esteemed distinct beings, and gave rise to a most inconsistent system of Polytheism. The Grecians, who received their religion from Egypt and the east, misconstrued every thing which was imported ; and added to these absurdities largely. They adopted Deities, to whose pretended attributes they were totally strangers ; whose names they could not articulate, or spell. They did not know how to arrange the elements, of which the words were composed. Hence it was, that Solon the Wise could not escape the bitter, but just, censure of the priest in Egypt, who accused both him, and the Grecians in general, of the grossest puerility and ignorance. ὦ Σολων, Σολων, Ἕλληνες.

<sup>1</sup> Cyril. contra Julian. p. 15. It is related somewhat differently in the *Ti-mæus*;



Ἕλληνες εἴτε παῖδες αἰεὶ, γέροντες δὲ Ἕλληνας οὐκ εἴτε, νεοὶ τε ψυχὰς ἅπαντες· οὐδεμίαν γὰρ ἐν ἑαυτοῖς ἔχετε παλαιὰν δόξαν, οὐδὲ μαθήματα χρόνῳ πολλῷ οὐδέν. The truth of this allegation may be proved both from the uncertainty, and inconsistency of the ancients in the accounts of their Deities. Of this uncertainty Herodotus takes notice. <sup>2</sup> Ἐνθενδὲ ἐγένετο ἕκαστος τῶν θεῶν, εἴτε δ' αἰεὶ ἦσαν πάντες, ὁμοιοὶ δὲ τινες τὰ εἶδεα, οὐκ ἠπίστευον μέχρι οὐ πρὶντε καὶ χθές, ὥς εἰπὲν λόγῳ. He attributes to Homer, and to Hesiod, the various names and distinctions of the Gods, and that endless polytheism, which prevailed. <sup>3</sup> Οὗτοι δὲ εἰσι, οἱ ποιήσαντες θεογονίαν Ἕλλησι, καὶ τοῖσι θεοῖσι τὰς ἐπωνυμίας δόντες, καὶ τιμὰς τε καὶ τέχνας διελόντες, καὶ εἶδεα αὐτῶν σημεινάντες. This blindness in regard to their own theology, and to that of the countries, from whence they borrowed, led them to misapply the terms, which they had received, and to make a God out of every title. But however they may have separated, and distinguished them under different personages, they are all plainly resolvable into one Deity, the Sun. The same is to be observed in the Gods of the Romans. This may in great measure be proved from the current accounts of their own writers; if we attend a

mæus of Plato. vol. 3. p. 22. See also Clemens Alexandr. Strom. l. 1. p. 356.

<sup>2</sup> L. 2. c. 53. The evidence of Herodotus must be esteemed early; and his judgment valid. What can afford us a more sad account of the doubt and darkness, in which mankind was enveloped, than these words of the historian? how plainly does he shew the necessity of divine interposition; and of revelation in consequence of it!

<sup>3</sup> Herodotus. l. 2. c. 53.



little closely to what they say : but it will appear more manifest from those, who had been in Egypt, and copied their accounts from that country. There are few characters, which at first sight appear more distinct, than those of Apollo and Bacchus. Yet the department, which is generally appropriated to Apollo, as the Sun, I mean the conduct of the year, is by Virgil given to Bacchus, or Liber. He joins him with Ceres, and calls them both the bright luminaries of the world.

+ Vos, O, clarissima Mundi  
Lumina, labentem Cœlo qui ducitis annum,  
Liber, et alma Ceres.

<sup>s</sup> Quidam ipsum solem, ipsum Apollinem, ipsum Dionysium eundem esse volunt. Hence we find that Bacchus is the Sun or Apollo ; though supposed generally to have been a very different personage. In reality they are all three the same ; each of them the Sun. He was the ruling Deity of the world :

<sup>6</sup> Ἥλιε παγγενετορ, παναιολε, χρυσεοφεγγες.

He was in Thrace esteemed, and worshiped as Bacchus, or Liber. <sup>7</sup> In Thraciâ Solem Liberum haberi, quem illi Sebadium nuncupantes magnâ religione celebrant : eique Deo in

<sup>4</sup> Virgil. Georgic. l. 1. v. 6.

Liber is El-Abor contracted : Sol, Parens Lucis.

<sup>5</sup> Scholia in Horat. l. 2. Ode 19.

<sup>6</sup> Orphic. Fragment. in Macrob. Sat. l. 1. c. 23.

<sup>7</sup> Macrob. Sat. l. 1. c. 18.

He is called by Eumolpus Ἀγροφανὴ Διονυσὸν ἐν ἀκτινεσσι πυρῶπον : apud Euseb. P. E. l. 9. c. 27.



colle <sup>8</sup> Zemisso ædes dicata est specie rotundâ. In short all the Gods were one, as we learn from the same Orphic Poetry :

<sup>9</sup> 'Εἰς Ζεὺς, εἰς Αἰδῆς, εἰς Ἥλιος, εἰς Διόνυσος,  
'Εἰς θεὸς ἐν παντεσσι.

Some Deities changed with the season.

<sup>10</sup> Ἡελιον δὲ θερῆς, μετοπωρῆς δ' ἄβρον Ἰαω.

It was therefore idle in the ancients to make a disquisition about the identity of any God, as compared with another ; and to adjudge him to Jupiter rather than to Mars, to Venus rather than Diana. <sup>11</sup> Τὸν Οσίριν οἱ μὲν Σεραπιν, οἶδε Διόνυσον, οἶδε Πλῆτωνα, τινες δὲ Δία, πολλοὶ δὲ Πανά νενομικασι. *Some, says Diodorus, think that Osiris is Serapis; others that he is Dionysus; others still that he is Pluto: many take him for Zeus, or Jupiter; and not a few for Pan.* This was an unnecessary embarrassment: for they were all titles of the same God: there being originally by no means that diversity, which is imagined, as Sir John Marsham has very justly observed. <sup>12</sup> Neque enim tanta πολυθεότης Gentium, quanta fuit Deorum πολυωνυμία. It is said above that Osiris was by some

<sup>8</sup> Zemissus is the Amonian Sames, or Sameh, analogous to Beth-Shemesh in the Scriptures.

<sup>9</sup> Orphic. Fragment. 4. p. 364. Edit. Gesner.

See Stephani Poësis Philosoph. p. 80. from Justin Martyr.

<sup>10</sup> Macrobius. Saturn. l. 1. c. 18. p. 202. He mentions Jupiter Lucetius, and Diespater, the God of day; and adds: Cretenses Δία τὴν ἡμέραν vocant. *The Cretans call the day dia.* The word dies of the Latines was of the same original.

<sup>11</sup> Diodorus Siculus. l. 1. p. 22.

<sup>12</sup> Chronolog. Canon. p. 32.



thought to be Jupiter, and by others to be Pluto. But Pluto among the best theologists was esteemed the same as Jupiter; and indeed the same as Proserpine, Ceres, Hermes, Apollo, and every other Deity.

<sup>13</sup> Πλατων, Περσεφονη, Δημητηρ, Κυπρις, Ερωτες,  
Τριτωνες, Νηρευς, Τηθυς και Κυανοχαιτης,  
‘Ερμηςθ’, ‘Ηφαιστος τε κλυτος, Παν, Ζευς τε, και ‘Ηρη,  
Αρτεμις, ηδ’ ‘Εκαεργος Απολλων, εἰς Θεος εσιν.

There were to be sure a number of strange attributes, which by some of the poets were delegated to different personages: but there were other writers, who went deeper in their researches; and made them all center in one. They some-

<sup>13</sup> Hermesianax.

It may be worth while to observe below, how many Gods there were of the same titles and departments. Παιονιος Διονυσιος. Hesychius. Pæonia Minerva. Plutarch. de decem Rhetoribus.

Παλαιμων ‘Ηρακλης. Hesychius.

Ιητηρ παντων, Ασκληπιε, δεσποτα Παιαν. Orphic. H. 66.

Ποσειδων Ιχτρεις εν Τηρη. Clement. Cohort. p. 26.

Olen, the most ancient mythologist, made Eilithya to be the mother of Eros: so that Eilithya and Venus must have been the same; and consequently Diana.

Μητερα Ερωτος Ειλιθυαν ειναι. Pausan. l. 9. p. 762.

Adonim, Attinem, Osirim et Horum aliud non esse quam Solem. Macrobius Sat. l. 1. c. 21. p. 209.

Janus was Juno, and stiled Junonius. Macrobius Sat. l. 1. c. 9. p. 159.

Lunam; eandem Dianam, eandem Cererem, eandem Junonem, eandem Proserpinam dicunt. Servius in Georgic. l. 1. v. 5.

Astarte, Luna, Europa, Dea Syria, Rhea, the same. Lucian. de Syriâ Deâ.

Κειροι Αριζαιον τον αυτον και Δια και Απολλω νομιζοντες. κτλ. Athenagoras. p. 290.

‘Ηλιος, Ζευς. Sanchoniathon. Euseb. P. E. lib. 1. c. x. p. 34.

‘Ηλιος, Κρονος. Danaëscius apud Photium. c. 242.



times represented this sovereign Deity as Dionusus : who according to Aufonius was worshiped in various parts under different titles ; and comprehended all the Gods under one character.

<sup>14</sup> Ogygia me Bacchum vocat ;  
 Ofyryn Ægyptus putat :  
 Myfi Phanacem nominant :  
 Dionyson Indi existimant :  
 Romana Sacra Liberum ;  
 Arabica Gens Adoneum ;  
 Lucanianus Pantheon.

Sometimes the supremacy was given to Pan, who was esteemed Lord of all the elements.

<sup>15</sup> Πανα καλω, κρατερον Νομιον, κοσμοιο τε συμπαν,  
 Ουρανον, ηδε θαλασσαν, ιδε χθονα παμβασιλειαν,  
 Και πυρ αθανατον, ταδε γαρ μελη εσι τα Πανος.  
 Κοσμοκρατωρ, αυξητα, φαεσφορε, καρπιμε Παιαν,  
 Αντροχαρες, βαρυμηνις, ΑΛΗΘΗΣ ΖΕΥΣ 'Ο ΚΕ-  
 ΡΑΣΤΗΣ.

More generally it was conferred upon Jupiter :

<sup>16</sup> Ζευς εσιν αιθης, Ζευς δε γη, Ζευς δ' Ουρανος<sup>ο</sup>  
 Ζευς τοι τα παντα.

<sup>14</sup> Aufon. Epigram. 30.

See Gruter for inscriptions to Apollo Pantheon. Dionusus was also Atis, or Attis. Διονυσον τινες Αττιν προσαγορευεσθαι θελουσιν. Clementis Cohort. p. 16.

<sup>15</sup> Orphic. Hymn. x. p. 200. Gesner.

Παρ' Αιγυπτιοισι δε Παν μεν αρχαιοτατος, και των οκτω των πρωτων λεγομενων Θεων. Herodotus. I. 2. c. 145. Priapus was Zeus : also Pan, and Orus : among the people of Lampfacus esteemed Dionusus.

<sup>16</sup> Euphorion.



Poseidon, God of the sea, was also reputed the chief God, the Deity of Fire. This we may infer from his priest. He was stiled a Purcon, and denominated from him, and served in his oracular temples; as we learn from Pausanias, who says, <sup>17</sup> Ποσειδῶνι δ' ὑπηρέτην ἐς τὰ μαντεύματα εἶναι Πυρκῶνα. He mentions a verse to the same purpose. Σὺν δὲ τε Πυρκῶν ἀμφιπόλος κλυτὰ ἑννοσιγαῖα. P'urcon is Ignis vel lucis dominus: and we may know the department of the God from the name of the priest. He was no other than the supreme Deity, the Sun: from whom all were supposed to be derived. Hence Poseidon or Neptune, in the Orphic verses, is, like Zeus, stiled the father of Gods and men.

<sup>18</sup> Κλυθι, Ποσειδάων ———

Οὐρανίων, Μακάρων τε Θεῶν πατέρ, ἦδε καὶ ἀνδρῶν.  
In the neighbourhood of Tyre and Sidon the chief Deity went by the name of <sup>19</sup> Ourchol, the same as Archel and Arcles of Egypt; whence came the Ἡρακλῆς, and Hercules of Greece and Rome. Nonnus, who was deeply read in the mythology of these countries, makes all the various departments of the other Gods, as well as their titles, center in him. He describes him in some good poetry as the head of all.

<sup>20</sup> Ἀστροχίτων Ἡρακλῆς, Ἀναξ πυρός, Ὁρχαμέ κοσμος,  
Ἵνα Ἴξονα Λυκαβάντα δωδεκάμηνον ἐλίσσων,

<sup>17</sup> L. 10. p. 805.

<sup>18</sup> Orphic. Hymn. in Poseidon. xvi. p. 208.

<sup>19</sup> Selden de Diis Syris. p. 77. and additamenta. He was of old stiled Arcles in Greece; and supposed to have been the son of Xuth. Κεῖος καὶ Ἀργεῖος, οἱ Χυθὸς παῖδες. Plutarch. Quæstiones Græcæ. v. 1. p. 296.

<sup>20</sup> Nonnus. l. 40. p. 1038.



Ἴππευων ἑλικηδὸν ὅλον πολὺν αἰθοπὶ δίσκῳ,  
 Κυκλὸν ἀγείεις μετὰ κυκλὸν—  
 Οὐδρὸν ἀγείεις φερεκαρπὸν, ἐπ' εὐωδίνι δὲ γαίῃ  
 Ἡερὶης ἥων ἐρευγεται ἀρδμον ἐερσης.—  
 Βῆλος ἐπ' Εὐφρηταο, Λιβὺς κεκλημένος Ἀμμων,  
 Ἀπὶς ἐφ' Νειλῶος, Ἀρὰ Κρονος, Ἀστυρίος Ζεὺς.—  
 Εἴτε Σαραπὶς ἐφ' Αἰγυπτίος, ἀνεφαλὸς Ζεὺς,  
 Εἰ Χρόνος, εἰ Φαέθων πολυωνυμὸς, εἴτε σὺ Μιθρῆς,  
 ΗΕΛΙΟΣ ΒΑΒΥΛΩΝΟΣ, ἐν Ἑλλάδι ΔΕΛΦΟΣ  
 ΑΠΟΛΛΩΝ.

All the various titles, we find, are at last comprised in Apollo, or the Sun.

It may appear strange, that Hercules, and Jupiter, or whom-ever we put for the chief Deity, should be of all ages. This must have been the case, if they were the same as the boy of love, and Bacchus ever young; and were also the representatives of Cronus, and Saturn. But the ancients went farther; and described the same Deity under the same name in various stages of life: and <sup>21</sup> Ulpian speaking of Dionusus, says that he was represented of all ages. *Καὶ γὰρ παῖδα, καὶ πρεσβυτήν, καὶ ἀνδρὰ γράφουσιν αὐτόν.* But the most extraordinary circumstance was, that they represented the same Deity of different sexes. A bearded Apollo was uncommon; but Venus with a beard must have been very extraordinary. Yet

<sup>21</sup> In Demosthenem Κατὰ Μειδίαν. Πάν σῆμα περιτιθεασιν αὐτῷ. P. 647. See also Macrob. Sat. l. i. c. 18.

Αὐτὸν τὸν Δία καὶ τὸν Διονύσον παῖδας καὶ νεὺς ἡ θεολογία καλεῖ. Proclus upon Plato's Parmenides. See Orphic Fragments, p. 406.



she is said to have been thus exhibited in Cyprus, under the name of Aphroditus, *Αφροδίτος*: <sup>22</sup> *πωγωνίαν ἀνδρὸς τὴν Θεοὺ ἐσχηματίζαι ἐν Κυπρῷ*. The same is mentioned by Servius: <sup>23</sup> *Est etiam in Cypro simulacrum barbatae Veneris, corpore et veste muliebri, cum sceptro, et naturâ virili, quod Αφροδίτον vocant*. She was also looked upon as prior to Zeus, and to most other of the Gods. <sup>24</sup> *Αφροδίτη οὐ μόνον Ἀθηνας, καὶ Ἥρας, ἀλλὰ καὶ ΔΙΟΣ ἐστὶ πρεσβύτερα*. The Poet Calvus speaks of her as masculine: <sup>25</sup> *Pollentemque Deum Venerem*. Valerius Soranus among other titles calls Jupiter the mother of the Gods.

<sup>26</sup> *Jupiter omnipotens, Regum Rex ipse, Deumque Progenitor, Genetrixque Deum; Deus unus et idem*. Synesius speaks of him in nearly the same manner.

<sup>27</sup> *Σὺ πατήρ, σὺ δ' ἐσσι μήτηρ,  
Σὺ δ' ἀρσὴν, σὺ δὲ θήλυς.*

And

<sup>22</sup> Hesychius. The passage is differently read. Kuster exhibits it *Αφροδίτος. Ὅδε τὰ περὶ Ἀφροδίτας γεγραφὼς Παιαν, ὡς ἀνδρὰ τὴν θεοὺ ἐσχηματίζαι ἐν Κυπρῷ φησιν*.

<sup>23</sup> Servius upon Virgil. *Æneid*. l. 2. v. 632.

<sup>24</sup> Scholia upon Apollon. *Rhod*. l. 3. v. 52. *Τῶν καλεσμένων Μοιρῶν εἶναι πρεσβύτεραν*. In some places of the east, Venus was the same as Cybele and Rhea, the Mother of the Gods: *Περὶ τῆς χώρας ταύτης σέβασσι μὲν ὡς ἐπὶ πάντῃ τὴν Αφροδίτην, ὡς μητέρα θεῶν, παικίλαις καὶ ἐγχωρίοις ὀνομασί προσαγόμενοντες*. Ptol. *Tetrabibl*. l. 2.

<sup>25</sup> Apud Calvum Aferianus. *Macrobian*. Sat. l. 3. c. 8. *Putant eandem matrem esse ac foeminam*. Ibidem.

<sup>26</sup> Apud Augustin. *de Civitate Dei*. l. 4. c. 11. and l. 7. c. 9.

The author of the Orphic verses speaks of the Moon as both male and female.

*Ἀυξομένη καὶ λειπομένη, θηλυστὲ καὶ ἀρσὴν*. Hymn 8. v. 4.

Deus Lunus was worshiped at Charræ, Edessa, and all over the east.

<sup>27</sup> Synesius. Hymn 3. p. 26. Edit. H. Steph.

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And the like character is given to the ancient Deity Μητις.

<sup>28</sup> Ἀρσην μὲν καὶ θηλὺς ἐφύς, πολὺωνυμε Μῆτι.

In one of the fragments of the Orphic poetry there is every thing, which I have been saying, comprehended within a very short compass.

<sup>29</sup> Ζεὺς ἀρσὴν γενέτο, Ζεὺς ἀμύροτος ἐπλετο Νύμφη,

Ζεὺς πυθμὴν γαίης τε καὶ οὐρανὸν ἀστερόεντος.——

Ζεὺς πόντος ῥίζα, Ζεὺς <sup>30</sup> Ἥλιος, ἠδὲ Σελήνη,

Ζεὺς Βασιλεὺς, Ζεὺς αὐτὸς ἅπαντων ἀρχιγενεθλός.——

Καὶ Μῆτις, πρῶτος γενετὼρ καὶ Ἑρως πολυτερπῆς.

Πάντα γὰρ ἐν Ζηνὸς μεγάλῳ ταδε σωματι κεῖται.

Ἐν κρατὸς, εἰς Δαιμόνων, γενέται μέγας ἀρχὸς ἅπαντων.

Whom he meant under the title of Zeus, he explains afterwards in a solemn invocation of the God Dionusus.

<sup>31</sup> Κεκλυθὶ τηλεπόρῳ δίνης ἑλικάυγεα κύκλον

Οὐρανίαις σροφαλιγξὶ περιδρομόν αἰὲν ἑλίσσων,

Ἀγλαε ΖΕΥ, ΔΙΟΝΥΣΕ, πατέρ πόντος, πατέρ αἰῆς,

Ἥλις, παγγενετορ, παναίολε, χρυσεοφεγγες.

As we have seen how the father of the Gods was diversified; it may be worth while to hear what the supposed mo-

The Orphic verses *περί φύσεως* are to the same purpose.

Πάντων μὲν σὺ πατὴρ, μητὴρ, τροφός, ἠδὲ τιθῆνος. Hymn 9. v. 18.

<sup>28</sup> Orphic Hymn 31. v. 10. p. 224.

<sup>29</sup> Orphic Fragment. vi. p. 366. Gesner's Edit. from Proclus on Plato's Alcibiades. See also *Poesis Philosophica* H. Stephani. p. 81.

<sup>30</sup> Jupiter Lucetius, or God of light. Macrobius, Sat. I. 1, c. 15. p. 182.

<sup>31</sup> Orphic Fragment. vii. p. 371. See *Poesis Philosophica* H. Stephani. p. 85.

Orpheus of Protogonus.

Πρωτογόν', Ἡρικαπαίε, θεῶν πατέρ, ἠδὲ καὶ υἱε. Hymn. 51. p. 246.



ther of all the Deities says of her titles and departments, in Apuleius. <sup>32</sup> Me primigenii Phryges Pessinuntiam nominant Deum Matrem : hinc Autochthones Attici Cecropiam Minervam : illinc fluctuantes Cyprii Paphiam Venerem : Cretes sagittiferi Dictynnam Dianam. Siculi trilingues Stygiam Proserpinam : Eleusini vetustam Deam Cererem. Junonem alii : alii Bellonam : alii Hecaten : Rhamnufiam alii : et qui nascentis dei Solis inchoantibus radiis illustrantur Æthiopes, Ariique, priscâque doctrinâ pollentes Ægyptii, ceremoniis me prorsus propriis percolentes, appellant vero nomine Reginam Isidem.

Porphry acknowledged, that Vesta, Rhea, Ceres, Themis, Priapus, Proserpina, Bacchus, Attis, Adonis, Silenus, and the Satyrs, were all one, and the <sup>33</sup> same. Nobody had examined the theology of the ancients more deeply than Porphyry. He was a determined Pagan : and his evidence in this point is unexceptionable. The titles of Orus and Osiris being given to Dionusus, caused him in time to partake of the same worship, which was paid to the great luminary : and as he had also many other titles, from them sprung a multiplicity of Deities. <sup>34</sup> Morichum Siculi Bacchum nominârunt : Arabes vero eundem Orachal et Adonæum : alii Lyæum, Erebinthium, Sabazium ; Lacedæmonii Scytidem, et Milichium

<sup>32</sup> Apuleii Metamorph. l. xi. p. 241.

<sup>33</sup> Porphy. apud Eusebium Præp. Evang. l. 3. c. 11.

Τιμαται παρὰ Λαμψακηνοῖς ὁ Πριαπὸς, ὁ αὐτὸς ὡν τῷ Διονυσῷ. Athenæus. l. 1. p. 30.

<sup>34</sup> Janus Gulielmus Laurenbergius.



vocitârunt. But let Dionusus or Bacchus be diversified by ever so many names or titles ; they all in respect to worship relate ultimately to the Sun. <sup>35</sup> Sit Ofiris, sit Omphis, Nilus, Siris, sive quodcunque aliud ab Hierophantis usurpatum nomen, ad unum tandem *Solem*, antiquissimum Gentium numen, redeunt omnia.

<sup>35</sup> Selden de Diis Syris. p. 77.









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## PHOENIX and PHOENICES.

**A**S there has been much uncertainty about the purport and extent of these terms; and they are of great consequence in the course of history; I will endeavour to state their true meaning. Phoinic, or Poinic, was an Egyptian, and Canaanitish term of honour; from whence were formed Φοινίξ, Φοινίκες, Φοινίκους of the Greeks, and Phoinic, Poinicus, Poinicius of the Romans; which were afterwards changed to Phœnix, Punicus, and <sup>1</sup> Puniceus. It was originally a title, which the Greeks made use of as a provincial name: but it was never admitted as such by the people, to whom it was thus appropriated, till the Greeks were in possession of the country. And even then it was but partially received: for though mention is made of the coast of Phœnice, yet we find the natives called Sidonians, Tyrians, and <sup>2</sup> Canaanites, as late as the days of the Apostles. It was an honorary term, compounded of Anac with the Egyptian prefix; and rendered at times both Phoinic and Poinic. It signified a lord or prince: and was particularly assumed by

<sup>1</sup> In all ancient accounts of the Romans the term was expressed Poini, and Poinicus. Poini stipendia pendunt. Poini sunt solitei sos sacrificare puellios. Ennius. Annal. vii. Afterwards it was changed to Pœnus, and Punicus.

<sup>2</sup> Simon the Canaanite. Matth. c. 10. v. 4. Also the woman of Canaan. Matthew. c. 15. v. 22.



the sons of Chus and Canaan. The Mysians seem to have kept nearest to the original pronunciation, who gave this title to the God Dionusus, and called him Ph'anac.

<sup>3</sup> Ogygia me Bacchum vocat,  
Ofirin Ægyptus putat,  
Myfi Phanacem.

It was also conferred upon many things, which were esteemed princely and noble. Hence the red, or scarlet, a colour appropriated to great and honourable personages, was stiled Phoinic. The palm was also stiled Phoinic, Φοινίξ: and the ancients always speak of it as a stately and noble tree. It was esteemed an emblem of honour; and made use of as a reward of victory. *Plurimarum palmarum homo*, was a proverbial expression among the Romans, for a soldier of merit. Pliny speaks of the various species of palms; and of the great repute, in which they were held by the Babylonians. He says, that the noblest of them were stiled the royal Palms; and supposes, that they were so called from their being set apart for the king's use. But they were very early an emblem of royalty: and it is a circumstance included in their original name. We find from Apuleius, that Mercury, the <sup>4</sup> Hermes of Egypt, was represented with a palm branch in his hand: and his priests at Hermopolis used to have them stuck in their <sup>5</sup> sandals, on the outside. The

<sup>3</sup> Ausonius. Epigram. 25. Ph'Anac, the Great Lord.

<sup>4</sup> Apuleius. l. xi. p. 246.

<sup>5</sup> *Zachlas adest Ægyptius, propheta primarius,——et cum dicto juvenem quempiam linteis amiculis intectum, pedesque palmeis baxeis indutum, et adusque deraſo capite, producit in medium.* Apuleius. l. 2, p. 39.



Goddeſs <sup>6</sup> Iſis was thus repreſented : and we may infer that Hermes had the like ornaments ; which the Greeks miſtook for feathers, and have in conſequence of it added wings to his feet. The Jews uſed to carry boughs of the ſame tree at ſome of their feſtivals ; and particularly at the celebration of their nuptials : and it was thought to have an influence at the birth. Euripides alludes to this in his Ion ; where he makes Latona recline herſelf againſt a Palm tree, when ſhe is going to produce Apollo and Diana.

ⁱ Φοινικα φαρ' αἶδροκομαν  
Ενθα λοχευματα σεμν' ελοχευσατο  
Λατω.

In how great eſtimation this tree was held of old, we may learn from many paſſages in the ſacred writings. Solomon ſays to his eſpouſed, <sup>8</sup> *how fair and how pleaſant art thou, O Love, for delights : thy ſtature is like a Palm tree.* And the Pſalmiſt for an encouragement to holineſs ſays, <sup>9</sup> *that the righteous ſhall flouriſh like the Palm tree :* for the Palm was ſuppoſed to riſe under a weight ; and to thrive in proportion to its being <sup>10</sup> depressed. There is poſſibly a farther alluſion in this, than may at firſt appear. The ancients had an opinion, that the Palm was immortal : at leaſt, if it did die, it

<sup>6</sup> Pedes ambrosios tegebant ſoleæ, palmæ victricis foliis intextæ. Ibid. l. 11. p. 241.

<sup>7</sup> Euripides in Ione. v. 920.

<sup>8</sup> Cantic. c. 7. v. 6.

<sup>9</sup> Pſalm 93. v. 12.

<sup>10</sup> Plutarch Sympoſiac. l. 8. c. 4.

Adverſus pondera reſurgit. Gellius. l. 3. c. 6.



recovered again, and obtained a second life by renewal. Hence the story of the bird, stiled the Phœnix, is thought to have been borrowed from this tree. Pliny, in describing the species of Palm, stiled Syagrus, says, "Mirum de eâ accepimus, cum Phœnice Ave, quæ putatur ex hujus Palmæ argumento nomen accepisse, iterum mori, et renasci ex seipsâ. Hence we find it to have been an emblem of immortality among all nations, sacred and prophane. The blessed in heaven are represented in the Apocalypse by St. John, <sup>12</sup> as standing before the throne in white robes with branches of Palm in their hands. The notion of this plant being an emblem of royalty prevailed so far, that when our Saviour made his last entrance into Jerusalem, the people took branches of Palm trees, and accosted him as a prince, crying, <sup>13</sup> *Hosanna—blessed is the King of Israel*.

The title of Phœnic seems at first to have been given to persons of great stature: but in process of time it was conferred upon people of power, and eminence, like *αναξ* and *ανακτες* among the Greeks. The Cuthites in Egypt were stiled Royal Shepherds, *Βασιλεις Ποιμενες*, and had therefore the title of Phœnices. A colony of them went from thence to Tyre and Syria: hence it is said by many writers, that Phœnix came from Egypt to Tyre. People, not consider-

<sup>11</sup> Pliny. Hist. Nat. l. 13. c. 4.

<sup>12</sup> *Ἰερὸν Ἦλις τὸ φυτόν, ἀγῆρων τε ὄν.* Juliani Imp. Orat. v. p. 330.

<sup>13</sup> Revelations. c. 7. v. 9. *Περιβεβλημένοι ὅσας λευκὰς, καὶ Φοινικὰς ἐν ταῖς χερσὶν αὐτῶν.*

<sup>14</sup> John. c. 12. v. 13.



ing this, have been led to look for the shepherd's origin in Canaan; because they were sometimes called Phœnices. They might as well have looked for them in Greece; for they were equally stiled <sup>14</sup> Ἑλληνες, Hellenes. Phœnicia, which the Greeks called Φοινίκη, was but a small part of Canaan. It was properly a slip of sea-coast, which lay within the jurisdiction of the Tyrians and Sidonians, and signifies Ora Regia; or, according to the language of the country, the coast of the Anakim. It was a lordly title; and derived from a stately and august people. All the natives of Canaan seem to have assumed to themselves great honour. The Philistines are spoken of as <sup>15</sup> Lords, and the merchants of Tyre as Princes: whose grandeur and magnificence are often alluded to in the Scriptures. The prophet Ezekiel calls them the princes of the sea. <sup>16</sup> *Then all the princes of the sea shall come down from their thrones, and lay away their robes, and put off their brodered garments.* And Isaiah speaks to the same purpose. <sup>17</sup> *Who hath taken this counsel against Tyre, that crowning city, whose merchants are princes: whose traffickers are the honourable of the earth?* The scripture term by which they are here distinguished is סַרִּים, Sarim: but the title which they assumed to themselves was Ph'anac or Ph'oinac, the Phoenix of the Greeks and Romans. And as it was a

<sup>14</sup> Ἐκκαίδεκατὴ δύναμις Ποιμένες Ἕλληνες Βασιλεῖς. Syncellus. p. 61.

<sup>15</sup> The Lords of the Philistines; and the princes of the Philistines. 1 Samuel.

c. 29. v. 2, 3, 4.

<sup>16</sup> Ezekiel. c. 26. v. 16.

<sup>17</sup> Isaiah. c. 23. v. 8.

Ezekiel. c. 28. v. 2.



mere title, the sacred writers of the old testament never make use of it to distinguish either the people or country. This part of Canaan is never by them called Phœnicia : yet others did call it so ; and the natives were stiled Phœnices before the birth of Homer. But this was through mistake : for it was never used by the natives as a provincial appellation. I have shewn, that it was a title of another sort, a mark of rank and preeminence : on this account it was assumed by other people ; and conferred upon other places. For this reason it is never mentioned by any of the sacred writers before the captivity, in order to avoid ambiguity. The Gentile writers made use of it ; and we see what mistakes have ensued. There were Phœnicians of various countries. They were to be found upon the Sinus <sup>18</sup> Persicus, upon the Sinus <sup>19</sup> Arabicus, in Egypt, in <sup>20</sup> Crete, in <sup>21</sup> Africa, in <sup>22</sup> Epirus,

<sup>18</sup> Herodotus brings the Phœnicians from the Mare Erythræum ; by which he means the Sinus Persicus. L. 7. c. 89. l. 1. c. 1.

<sup>19</sup> Philo, mentioning the march of the Israelites towards the Red sea, and the Amalekites, adds ; *νεμονται δ' αὐτὴν Φοινικες*. De V. Mosis. vol. 2. p. 115.

*Φοινικων κωμη*, in Edom. Procopius. Persic. l. 1. c. 19.

<sup>20</sup> Phœnicus, in Crete. Steph. Byzant.

<sup>21</sup> *Αφροι Φοινικες*. Glossæ.

<sup>22</sup> *Κατὰ Βεθρωτον Φοινικη*. Strabo. l. 7. p. 499.

Mount Olympus in Lycia was stiled, by way of eminence, Phœnic. *Ολυμπος πολις μεγαλη και ορος ομωνυμον, ο και Φοινικους καλειται*. Strabo. l. 14. p. 982. Bochart supposes, Phœnic and Phœnices (*Φοινικες*) to be derived from Beni Anac, changed to Pheni Anac, i. e. the sons of Anac : but how can this be applicable to a mountain ; or to the Palm tree ? I am happy however that in a part of my etymology, and that a principal part, I am countenanced by that learned man.

Bishop Cumberland derives it from Anac torquis, Orig. p. 302.

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and even in Attica. <sup>23</sup> Φοινικες—γενος τι Αθηνησι. *There is a race of people called Phœnicians among the* <sup>24</sup> *Athenians.* In short, it was a title introduced at Sidon, and the coast adjoining, by people from Egypt: and who the people were, that brought it, may be known from several passages in ancient history: but particularly from an extract in Eusebius. <sup>25</sup> Φοινιξ και Καδμος, απο Θηβων των Αιγυπτιων εξελθοντες εις την Συριαν, Τυρον και Σιδωνος εδασιλευον. *Phœnix and Cadmus, retiring from Thebes in Egypt towards the coast of Syria, settled at Tyre and Sidon, and reigned there.* It is said, that <sup>26</sup> Belus carried a colony to the same parts: and from what part of the world <sup>27</sup> Belus must be supposed to have come, needs not to be explained. Euripides stiles Cepheus the king of Ethiopia, the son of Phœnix: and Apollodorus makes him the son of Belus: hence we may infer that Belus and Phœnix were the same. Not that there were any such persons as Phœnix and Belus, for they were certainly titles: and under the characters of those two personages, Colonies, named Belidæ and Phœnices, went abroad, and settled in different parts. Their history and appellation may be traced from Babylonia to Arabia and Egypt: and from thence to Canaan, and to the regions in the west. It were therefore to be wished, that the terms Phœnix and Phœnicia had never

<sup>23</sup> Hesychius.

<sup>24</sup> A city and mountain in Bœotia called Phœnice: the natives Phœnicians: Strabo. l. 9. p. 629.

<sup>25</sup> Chron. p. 27.

<sup>26</sup> Syncellus. p. 126. from Eusebius.

<sup>27</sup> Βηλος απ' Ευφραταο. κτλ. Nonnus.

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been used in the common acceptation ; at least when the discourse turns upon the more ancient history of Canaan. When the Greeks got possession of the coast of Tyre, they called it Phœnicia: and from that time it may be admitted as a provincial name. In consequence of this, the writers of the New Testament do not scruple to make use of it, but always with a proper limitation; for the geography of the Scriptures is wonderfully exact. But the Greek and Roman writers often speak of it with a greater latitude; and include Judea and Palestina within its borders: and sometimes add Syria, and Idume. But these countries were all separate, and distinct; among which Phœnicia bore but a small proportion. Yet small as it may have been, many learned men have thought, that all the colonies, which at times settled upon the coast of the Mediterranean, were from this quarter: and that all science was of Phœnician original. But this is not true according to their acceptation of the term. Colonies did settle; and science came from the east: but not merely from the Sidonian. I shall shew, that it was principally owing to a prior and superior branch of the family.

## A D D E N D A.

### Of the P A L M T R E E.

**P**HœNIX was a colour among horses. They were stiled Phœnices, and <sup>28</sup> Phœniciati, from the colour of the Palm tree, which they resembled; and upon the

<sup>28</sup> Bechart. Hierazoican. l. 2. c. 7.



same account had the name of Spadices. This, according to Aulus Gellius, was a term synonymous with the former.

<sup>29</sup> Rutilus, et Spadix Phœnicii *συνωνυμος*, exuberantiam splendoremque significant ruboris, quales sunt fructus Palmæ arboris, nondum sole incocti: unde spadiceis et Phœniceis nomen est. <sup>30</sup> Spadix, *σπαδιξ*, avulsus est a Palmâ termes cum fructu. Homer, describing the horses of Diomedes, says, that the one was Phœnix, or of a bright Palm colour, with a white spot in his forehead like a moon.

<sup>31</sup> Ὅς το μέν αλλο τῶσον φοινίξ ἦν, ἐνδὲ μετώπῳ  
Λευκὸν σημεῖον ἔτετυκτο περιτροχὸν ἥύτε μῆνη.

Upon this the Scholiast observes, *Φοινίκης τὸ χρώμα, ἦτοι πυρρόος*. The horse was of a Palm colour, which is a bright red. We call such horses bays; which probably is a term of the same original. The branch of a Palm tree was called Bai in Egypt: and it had the same name in other places. Baia, Βαία, are used for Palm-branches by St. John. <sup>32</sup> *Τὰ βαία τῶν Φοινικῶν*. And it is mentioned by the author of the book of Maccabees, that the Jews upon a solemn occasion entered the temple. <sup>33</sup> *Μετὰ αἰνεσεως καὶ βαιῶν*. And Demetrius writes to the high priest, Simon, <sup>34</sup> *Τὸν σεφανὸν τὸν χρυσοῦν καὶ τὴν Βαῖνην, ἃ ἀπεσεύλατε, κεκομισμεθα*. Coronam auream et Bānem, quæ misistis, accepimus. The Greeks formed the

<sup>29</sup> Gellius. l. 2. c. 26.

<sup>30</sup> Gellius. Ibidem.

<sup>31</sup> Iliad ψ. v. 454.

<sup>32</sup> John. c. 12. v. 13.

<sup>33</sup> I Maccab. c. 13. v. 51.

<sup>34</sup> I Maccab. c. 13. v. 37.

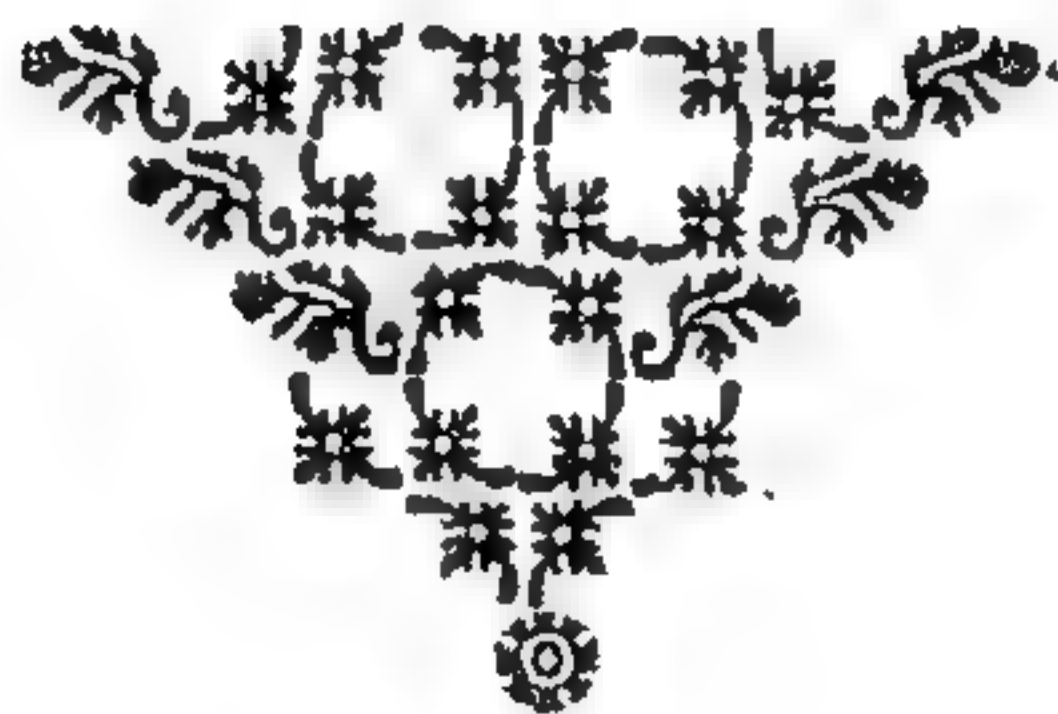


word *Βαῖν* from the Egyptian Bai. The Romans called the same colour Badius. <sup>35</sup> Varro, speaking of horses, mentions, Hic badius, ille gilvus, ille Murinus.

As the Palm tree was supposed to be immortal ; or at least, if it did die, to revive, and enjoy a second life, the Egyptians gave the name of Bai to the soul : <sup>36</sup> *Εστὶ μὲν γὰρ τὸ Βαῖ ψυχὴ.*

<sup>35</sup> Varro apud Nonium Marcellum.

<sup>36</sup> Horapollo. L. i. c. 7. p. 11.





## O F T H E

## T E R M C A H E N,

The C O H E N, כהן, of the H E B R E W S.

I H A V E before taken notice, that the term Cahen denoted a Priest, or President: and that it was a title often conferred upon princes and kings. Nor was it confined to men only: we find it frequently annexed to the names of Deities, to signify their rule and superintendency over the earth. From them it was derived to their attendants, and to all persons of a prophetic or sacred character. The meaning of the term was so obvious, that one would imagine no mistake could have ensued: yet such is the perverseness of human wit, that we find it by the Greeks and Romans constantly misapplied. They could not help imagining from the sound of the word, which approached nearly to that of *κυν* and *canis*, that it had some reference to that animal: and in consequence of this unlucky resemblance they continually misconstrued it *a dog*. Hence we are told by



<sup>2</sup> Ælian and <sup>2</sup> Plutarch not only of the great veneration paid to dogs in Egypt, and of their being maintained in many cities, and temples; in which they certainly exceed the truth: but we are moreover assured, that the people of Ethiopia had a dog for their king: that he was kept in great state; being surrounded with a numerous body of officers and guards; and in all respects royally treated. Plutarch speaks of him, as being <sup>3</sup> *σεμνῶς προσκυνούμενος*, worshiped with a degree of religious reverence. The whole of this notion took its rise from a misinterpretation of the title above. I have mentioned, that in early times *Cohen* was a title universally conferred upon priests and prophets: hence Lycophron, who has continually allusions to obsolete terms, calls the two diviners Mopsus and Amphilocus, *Κυνας*.

<sup>4</sup> Δοιαιδε ρειθρων Πυραμυς προς εκβολαις  
 Αυτοκτονοις σφαγαισι Δηραινε ΚΥΝΕΣ  
 Δηθεντες αιχμαζεσι λαισθιον βοαν.

Upon which the Scholiast observes; *Κυνες οἱ Μαντεῖς*: *by Cunes are meant Diviners*: and again *Κυνας Απολλωνος τῆς μαντεῖς εἰπεῖν*. *The Poet by Κυνας means the ministers and prophets of Apollo*. Upon this the learned <sup>5</sup> Meursius observes,

<sup>1</sup> Ælian de Animalibus. l. 7. c. 60.

He cites Hermippus and Aristotle for vouchers.

<sup>2</sup> Ἔθνος εἶναι φασιν Αἰθιοπῶν, ἔπε, κυῶν βασιλευεῖ, καὶ βασιλεὺς προσαγορεύεται, καὶ ἱερά καὶ τιμὰς ἔχει βασιλεῶν. Ἄνδρες δὲ πρᾶσσουσιν, ἅπερ ἡγεμόσι πόλεων προσήκει, καὶ ἀρχοσιν. Plutarch adversus Stoicos. vol. 2. p. 1064.

<sup>3</sup> Ibid.

<sup>4</sup> Lycophron. v. 439.

<sup>5</sup> Comment. upon Lycophron. p. 68.



that Lycophron had here made use of a term imported from Egypt: so that, I think, we cannot be mistaken about the purport of the word, however it may have been perverted.

The name of the Deity Canouphis, expressed also Canuphis, and Cnuphis, was compounded with this term. He was represented by the Egyptians, as a princely person, with a serpent entwined round his middle, and embellished with other characteristics, relating to time and duration, of which the serpent was an emblem. Oph, and Ouph, signified a serpent in the Amonian language: and the Deity was termed Can-uph, from his serpentine representation. The whole species in consequence of this were made sacred to him, and stiled Canyphian. To this Lucan alludes, when in speaking of the Seps he calls all the tribe of serpents Cinyphias pestes:

<sup>6</sup> Cinyphias inter pestes tibi palma nocendi.

Canuphis was sometimes expressed Anuphis and Anubis: and, however rendered, was by the Greeks and Romans continually spoken of as a dog: at least they supposed him to have had a dog's head, and often mention his <sup>7</sup> barking. But they were misled by the title, which they did not understand. The Egyptians had many emblematical personages, set off with heads of various animals, to represent particular virtues, and affections; as well as to denote the various attributes of their Gods. Among others was this canine figure; which I have no reason to think was appropriated to Canuph, or

<sup>6</sup> Lucan. Pharsalia. l. 9. v. 787.

<sup>7</sup> Ausa Jovi nostro latrantem opponere Anubim. Propert. l. 3. El. 11.

Ἐξῆς δὲ εἰν ὁ κυνοπολιτὶς νομὸς, καὶ Κυνῶν πόλις, ἐν ἣ Ἀνουβὶς τιμαται, καὶ τοῖς κυσὶ τιμῇ, καὶ σιτίς τετακται τὶς ἱερά. Strabo. l. 17. p. 1166.



Cneph. And though upon gems and marbles his name may be sometimes found annexed to this character; yet it must be looked upon as a Grecian work, and so denominated in consequence of their mistaken notion. For we must make a material distinction between the hieroglyphics of old, when Egypt was under her own kings; and those of later date, when that country was under the government of the Greeks: at which time their learning was greatly impaired, and their ancient theology ruined. Horus Apollo assures us, if any credit may be given to what he says, that this canine figure was an emblem of the earth:

<sup>2</sup> ΟΙΚΣΜΕΝΗΝ ΓΡΑΦΟΝΤΕΣ ΚΥΝΟΚΕΦΑΛΟΝ ΖΩΓΡΑΦΕΣΙ. *When they would describe the earth, they paint a Cunocephalus.* It could not therefore, I should think, in any degree relate to Canuphis. The same <sup>3</sup> writer informs us, that under the figure of a dog, they represented a priest or sacred scribe, and a prophet; and all such as had the chief management of funerals: also the spleen, the smell, sneezing; rule and government, and a magistrate, or judge: which is a circumstance hard to be believed. For as hieroglyphics were designed to distinguish, it is scarce credible, that the Egyptians should crowd together so many different and opposite ideas under one character, whence nothing could well ensue but doubt and confusion. Besides, I do not remember, that in any group of ancient hieroglyphics the figure of a dog occurs. The meaning of this history, I think, may be with a

<sup>2</sup> Σεληνὴν δὲ γράφοντες, Ἡ ΟΙΚΟΤΜΕΝΗΝ, ἢ γραμματεῖα, ἢ ἱερεῖα, ἢ οὐρανὸν, ἢ κολυμβῶν, κυνοκεφαλὸν ζωγράφουσι. L. 1. c. 14. p. 26.

<sup>3</sup> Ἱερογγραμματα τε παλιν, ἢ προφητῆν, ἢ οὐφρησιν, ἢ πταρμον, ἢ ἀρχὴν, ἢ δικαστήν, ἐνδομμενοι γράφειν κυνὰ ζωγράφουσιν. L. 1. c. 39. p. 52.



little attention made out. The Egyptians were refined in their superstitions, above all the nations in the world : and conferred the names and titles of their Deities upon vegetables, and animals of every species : and not only upon these, but also upon the parts of the human body ; and the very passions of the mind. Whatever they deemed salutary, or of great value, they distinguished by the title of Sacred, and consecrated it to some <sup>10</sup> God. This will appear from words borrowed from Egypt. The Laurel, *Laurus*, was denominated from *Al-Orus* : the berry was termed *bacca* from *Bacchus* : Myrrh, *Μυρρῶν*, was from *Ham-Ourah* : *Casia* from *Chus*. The Crocodile was called *Gaimin* and *Campsa* : the Lion, *El-Eon* : the Wolf, *El-Uc* : the Cat, *Al-Ourah* : from whence the Greeks formed *λεων*, *λυκος*, *αιλως*. The Egyptians stiled Myrrh, *Baal* ; balsam, *baal-famen* ; Camphire, *Cham-phour*, *καμφορα* of Greece ; opium, *Ophion*. The sweet reed of Egypt was named <sup>11</sup> *Canah*, and *Conah* by way of eminence : also <sup>12</sup> *Can-Ofiris*. Cinnamon was denominated from *Chan-Amon* : *Cinnabar*, *κινναβαρις*, from *Chan-Abor* : the sacred beetle, *Cantharus*, from *Chan-Athur*. The harp was stiled *Cinnor*, and was supposed to have been

<sup>10</sup> Εω γὰρ τὰς Αἰγυπτίους, οἵπερ καὶ δεισιδαιμονεῖσθαι εἰσι πάντων ὅμως τοῖς θεοῖς ὀνομασθῆναι εἰς κόρον ἐπιχρῶμεντες· σχεδὸν γὰρ τὰ πλεῖστα ΕΞ ΟΥΡΑΝΟΥ εἰσιν. *Lucian de imaginibus*.

See *Observations on Antient History*. p. 166.

Solebant autem Ægyptii sibi suisque Deorum patriorum nomina plerumque imponere.—Moremque hunc gens illa fervare perrexit, postquam salutari luce Evangelicâ diu fructa esset. *Jablonsky*. v. 1. l. 1. c. 5. p. 105.

<sup>11</sup> It is possibly alluded to in *Psalms* 80. v. 16. and in *Jeremiah* c. 6. v. 20.

<sup>12</sup> *Plutarch*. *Isis et Osiris*. p. 365. *Χερουσις*.



found out by Cinaras : which terms are compounded of Chan-Or, and Chan-Arez ; and relate to the Sun or Apollo, the supposed inventor of the lyre. Priests and magistrates were particularly honoured with the additional title of Cahen : and many things held sacred were liable to have it in their composition. Hence arose the error of Horus Apollo ; who having been informed, that the ancient Egyptians distinguished many things, which were esteemed holy, by this sacred title, referred the whole to hieroglyphics ; and gave out that they were all represented under the figure of a dog. And it is possible, that in later times the Grecian artists, and the mixed tribes of Egypt, may have expressed them in this manner ; for they were led by the ear ; and did not inquire into the latent purport of the <sup>13</sup> theology transmitted to them. From hence we may perceive, how little in later times even the native Egyptians knew of their rites and history.

Farther accounts may be produced from the same writer in confirmation of what I have been saying. He not only mentions the great veneration paid by the Egyptians to dogs, but adds, that in many temples they kept *κυνοκεφαλοι*, a kind of baboons, or animals with heads like those of dogs, which were wonderfully endowed. By their assistance the Egyp-

<sup>13</sup> The purport of the term Cahen, or Cohen, was not totally unknown in Greece. They changed it to *κοιης*, and *κοιης* ; but still supposed it to signify a priest. *Κοιης, ἱερεὺς Καλειεων, ὁ καθαιρωμενος φονεα.* Hesychius. *Κοιεται ἱεραται.* Ibid.

It was also used for a title of the Deity. *Κοιας, ὁ εἰσογγυλὺς λιθος ;* scilicet *Βαιτυλος.* Moscopulus. p. 5. The Bætulus was the most ancient representation of the Deity. See Apollon, Rhod. Schol. ad L. i. v. 919.



tians found out the particular periods of the Sun and Moon. These did not, like other animals, die at once, but by piece-meal ; so that one half of the animal was oftentimes buried, while the other half <sup>14</sup> survived. He moreover assures us, that they could read and write: and whenever one of them was introduced into the sacred apartments for probation, the priest presented him with a <sup>15</sup> tablet, and with a pen and ink, and by his writing could immediately find out, if he were of the true intelligent breed. These animals are said to have been of infinite use to the ancient Egyptians in determining times and seasons: for, it seems, they were in some particular functions the most accurate, and punctual of any creatures upon earth, <sup>16</sup> *Per æquinoctia enim duodecies in die urinam redere, et in nocte* <sup>17</sup> *compertus (Cunocephalus), æquali interstitio servato, Trismegisto ansam dedit diem dividendi in duodecim partes æquales.* Such is the history of these wonderful <sup>18</sup> animals. That Apes and Baboons were among the Egyptians held in veneration is very certain. The

<sup>14</sup> Ου, καθάπερ τα λοιπα ζῷα ἐν ἡμέρᾳ μιᾷ τελευτᾷ, ἔτω καὶ τῆς νύκτος: ἀλλὰ μέρος αὐτῶν καθ' ἑκάστην ἡμέραν τεκνέμενον ὑπὸ τῶν Ἱερέων θαππεῖται. κτλ.

Ἔως δ' ἂν αἱ ἐξδομηκόντα καὶ δύο πληρωθῶσιν ἡμέρας, τότε ἔλως ἀποθνήσκει. Horapollo. l. i. c. 14. p. 2.

<sup>15</sup> Εἰς ἱερόν ἐπειδὴν πρῶτα κομιᾷ Κυνοκεφαλός, δελτοῦ αὐτῷ παρατιθῆσιν ὁ Ἱερεὺς, καὶ σχιστῆρι, καὶ μέλαν, πειραζών, εἰ ἐκ τῆς ἐπισταμένης ἐστὶ συγγενείας γράμματα, καὶ εἰ γράφει. Horapollo. l. i. c. 14. p. 28.

<sup>16</sup> Horapollo. l. i. c. 16. p. 30. Δωδεκάτις τῆς ἡμέρας καθ' ἑκάστην ὥραν οὖρεῖ· τοῦδε αὐτοῦ καὶ τὰς δύοσι νυξὶ ποιεῖ. κτλ. Speaking of the two Equinoxes.

<sup>17</sup> Hoffman: Cunocephalus.

Vossius de Idol. Vol. 2. l. 3. c. 78.

<sup>18</sup> What Orus Apollo attributes to the Cunocephalus, Damascius (in Vitâ Isidori) mentions of the Cat. Photii Bibliotheca. c. 242. p. 1049.



Ape was sacred to the God Apis; and by the Greeks was rendered Capis, and <sup>19</sup> Ceipis. The Baboon was denominated from the Deity <sup>20</sup> Babon, to whom it was equally sacred. But what have these to do with the supposed Cunocephalus, which, according to the Grecian interpretation is an animal with the head of a dog? This characteristic does not properly belong to any species of Apes; but seems to have been unduly appropriated to them. The term Cunocephalus, *Κυνοκεφαλος*, is an Egyptian compound: and this strange history relates to the priests of the country, stiled Cahen; also to the novices in their temples; and to the examinations, which they were obliged to undergo, before they could be admitted to the priesthood. To explain this I must take notice, that in early times they built their temples upon eminences, for many reasons; but especially for the sake of celestial observations. The Egyptians were much addicted to the study of astronomy: and they used to found their colleges in upper Egypt upon rocks and hills, called by

<sup>19</sup> By Strabo expressed *Κεῖπος*, who says, that it was revered by the people at Babylon opposite to Memphis. L. 17. p. 1167. *Κεῖπον δὲ Βαβυλωνίαι οἱ κατὰ Μεμφιν (σεβέσσι.)*

<sup>20</sup> Babun, *Βαβυν*, of Hellanicus Lesbicus. Athenæus. l. 15. p. 680. called Babon, *Βεβων*, by Manethon. Plutarch. *Isis et Osiris*. p. 371. 376. Babon was thought to have been the same as Typhon: by some esteemed a female, and the wife of that personage. Plutarch. *ibid*.

The Ape and Monkey were held sacred, not in Egypt only, but in India; and likewise in a part of Africa. Diodorus Sicul. l. 20. P. 793. Maffæus mentions a noble Pagoda in India, which was called the monkeys Pagoda. *Historia Ind.* l. 1. p. 25: and Balbus takes notice of Peguan temples, called by the natives *Varelle*; in which monkeys were kept out of a religious principle. See *Balbi Itinerarium*.

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them Caph. These, as they were sacred to the Sun, were farther denominated Caph-El, and sometimes Caph-Aur, and Caph-Arez. The term Caph-El, which often occurs in history, the Greeks uniformly changed to *Κεφαλη*, Cephale: and from Cahen-Caph-El, the sacred rock of Orus, they formed *Κυνοκεφαλη*, and *Κυνοκεφαλος*; which they supposed to relate to an animal with the head of a dog. But this Cahen-Caph-El was certainly some royal seminary in upper Egypt; from whence they drafted novices to supply their colleges and temples. These young persons were before their introduction examined by some superior priest; and accordingly, as they answered upon their trial, they were admitted or refused. They were denominated Caph-El, and Cahen-Caph-El, from the academy, where they received their first instruction: and this place, though sacred, yet seems to have been of a class subordinate to others. It was a kind of inferior cloister and temple, such as Capella in the Romish church; which, as well as Capellanus, was derived from Egypt: for the church in its first decline borrowed largely from that country. That there was some particular place of this sort situated upon a rock, or eminence, may, I think, be proved from Martianus Capella: and moreover that it was a seminary well known, where the youth of Upper Egypt were educated. For in describing the sciences under different personages, he gives this remarkable account of Dialectica upon introducing her before his audience. <sup>21</sup> *Hæc se educatam*

<sup>21</sup> Martianus Capella. L. 4. sub initio.

Astronomia is made to speak to the same purpose.—Per immensa spatia seculorum,  
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educatam dicebat in *Ægyptiorum Rupe*; atque in Parmenidis exinde gymnasium, atque Atticam demeasse. And Johannes Sarisburiensis seems to intimate, that Parmenides obtained his knowledge from the same quarter, when he mentions <sup>22</sup> *in Rupe* vitam egisse. In this short detail we have no unpleasing account of the birth of science in Egypt; and of its progress from thence to Attica. It is plain, that this rupes *Ægyptiaca* could be nothing else but a seminary, either the same, or at least similar to that, which I have before been describing. As the Cunocephali are said to have been sacred to Hermes, this college and temple were probably in the nome of Hermopolis. Hermes was the patron of Science, and particularly styled Cahen, or <sup>23</sup> Canis: and the Cunocephali are said to have been worshiped by the people of that <sup>24</sup> place. They were certainly there revered: and this history points out very plainly the particular spot alluded to. Hermopolis was in the upper region styled Thebaïs: and

culorum, ne profanâ loquacitate vulgarer, *Ægyptiorum clausa adytis occulebar*. Martianus Capella. L. 8.

<sup>22</sup> Johannes Sarisburiensis Metalogic. L. 2. p. 787. Editio Lugd. Bat. anno 1639.

He speaks of Parmenides, as if he were a native of Egypt: and seems to have understood, that Parmenides took up his residence in the Egyptian seminary, in order to obtain a thorough knowledge in science. Et licet Parmenides *Ægyptius in rupe vitam egerit, ut rationem Logices inveniret, tot et tantos studii habuit successores, ut ei inventionis suæ totam fere præriperint gloriam*.

<sup>23</sup> Hermes was the same as Anubis Latrator. Jablonsky. L. 5. c. 1.

Κυνὰ σεβεις τυπτω δ' εγω. Anaxandrides apud Athenæum. L. 7. p. 300.

Ἑρμην κυνα. Plutarch. Isis et Osiris.

<sup>24</sup> Strabo. L. 17. p. 1167. Κυνοκεφαλον δε (τιμωσιν) Ἑρμοπολιται.

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there was in this district a tower, such as has been<sup>25</sup> mentioned. It was in aftertimes made use of for a repository, where they laid up the tribute. This may have been the rupes Ægyptiaca, so famed of old for science; and which was the seat of the Chancephalim, or Cunocephalians.

It is said of the Cunocephali, that when one part was dead and buried, the other still survived. This can relate to nothing else but a society, or body politic, where there is a continual decrement, yet part still remains; and the whole is kept up by succession. It is an enigma, which particularly relates to the priesthood in Egypt: for the sacred office there was hereditary, being vested in certain families; and when part was dead, a residue still<sup>26</sup> survived, who admitted others in the room of the deceased. <sup>27</sup> *Ἐπεὶ δὲ τις ἀποθάνῃ, τῶν οὗ παις ἀντικαθίσταται.* The sons, we find, supplied the place of their fathers: hence the body itself never became extinct, being kept up by a regular succession. As to the Cunocephali giving to Hermes the first hint of dividing the day into twelve parts from the exactness, which was observed in their<sup>28</sup> evacuations, it is a surmise almost too trifling to be discussed. I have shewn, that the Cunocephali were a sacred college, whose members were persons of great learn-

<sup>25</sup> Ἑρμοπολιτικὴ φυλακὴ. Strabo. *ibid.*

<sup>26</sup> Analogous to this we read in Herodotus, that the Persian brigade, whose deficiencies were supplied by continual recruits, was stiled *ἀθάνατοι*, immortalis. Herodotus. l. 7. c. 83.

It consisted of ten thousand men.

<sup>27</sup> Herodotus. L. 2. c. 37.

<sup>28</sup> Δωδεκατὶς ἡμέρας καθ' ἑκάστην ὥραν ΟΥΡΕΙ Κυνιοκεφαλός. Horapollus. L. 1. c. 16.



ing : and their society seems to have been a very ancient institution. They were particularly addicted to astronomical observations ; and by contemplating the heavens, stiled Ouran, they learned to distinguish the seasons, and to divide the day into parts. But the term Ouran the Greeks by a strange misconception changed to *ὄρειν* ; of which mistake they have afforded other instances : and from this abuse of terms the silly figment took its rise.

The Cunocephali are not to be found in Egypt only, but in India likewise ; and in other parts of the world. Herodotus <sup>28</sup> mentions a nation of this name in Libya : and speaks of them, as a race of men with the heads of dogs. Hard by in the neighbourhood of this people he places the *Ἀκεφαλοι*, men with no heads at all : to whom out of humanity, and to obviate some very natural distresses, he gives eyes in the breast. But he seems to have forgot mouth and ears, and makes no mention of a nose : he only says, <sup>29</sup> *Ἀκεφαλοι, οἱ ἐν στήθεσιν ὀφθαλμοὺς ἔχοντες*. Both these and the Cunocephali were denominated from their place of residence, and from their worship : the one from Cahen-Caph-El, the other from Ac-Caph-El : each of which appellations is of the same purport, the right noble, or sacred <sup>30</sup> rock of the Sun.

Similar

<sup>28</sup> Herodot. L. 4. c. 191.

Upon the Mare Erythræum, *Ἰδρυμα Κυνοκεφαλῶν καλεσμενον*. Strabo. L. 16. p. 1120. Also Pliny. L. 6. c. 30. and L. 7. c. 2. of Cunocephali in Æthiopia and India.

<sup>29</sup> Herodot. L. 4. c. 191.

<sup>30</sup> Many places were named Cunocephale : all which will be found upon enquiry to have been eminences, or buildings situated on high, agreeably to this etymology.



Similar to the history of the Cunocephali, and Acephali, is that of the Cunodontes. They are a people mentioned by Solinus and Isidorus, and by them are supposed to have had the teeth of dogs. Yet they were probably denominated, like those above, from the object of their worship, the Deity Chan-Adon ; which the Greeks expressed *Κυνόδων*, and stiled his votaries <sup>31</sup> Cunodontes.

The Greeks pretended, that they had the use of the sphere, and were acquainted with the zodiac, and its asterisms very early. But it is plain from their mistakes, that they received the knowledge of these things very late ; at a time when the terms were obsolete, and the true purport of them not to be obtained. They borrowed all the schemes under which the stars are comprehended, from the Egyptians ; who had formed them of old, and named them from circumstances in their own religion and mythology. They had particularly conferred the titles of their Deities upon those stars, which appeared the brightest in their hemisphere. One of the most remarkable and brilliant they called Cahen Se-

etymology. *Κυνοσκεφαλη, ΛΟΦΟΣ τις Θέσσαλιας*. Stephanus Byzant. from Polybius. L. 17.

*Κυνωνκεφαλαι* near Scotiussa. *ΛΟΦΩΝ πυκνών παραλληλων ΑΚΡΑΙ*. Plutarch in Flaminio, of the same place.

The citadel at Thebes was called *Κυνοσκεφαλη* by Xenophon. Those who speak of the Cunocephali as a people, describe them as Mountaineers. Megasthenes per diversos Indiæ montes esse scribit nationes caninis capitibus. Solinus. C. 52.

A promontory of this name upon the coast of the Red Sea, mentioned above from Strabo. Another promontory Cunocephale in Corcyra. Procopius. Goth. L. 3. c. 27.

<sup>31</sup> Solinus. C. 4. and Isidorus. Orig. L. 9. de Portentis.



hor; another they termed Purcahen; a third Cahen Ourah, or Cun Ourah. These were all misconstrued, and changed by the Greeks; Cahen-Sehor to Canis Sirius; P'urcahen to Procyon; and Cahen Ourah to Cunofoura, the dog's tail. In respect to this last name I think, from the application of it in other instances, we may be assured, that it could not be in acceptation what the Greeks would persuade us: nor had it any relation to a dog. There was the summit of a hill in Arcadia of this <sup>32</sup> name: also a promontory in <sup>33</sup> Attica; and another in <sup>34</sup> Eubœa. How could it possibly in its common acceptation be applicable to these places? And as a constellation if it signified a dog's tail, how came it to be a name given to the tail of a bear? It was a term brought from <sup>35</sup> Sidon, and Egypt: and the purport was to be fought for from the language of the Amonians.

The ancient Helladians used upon every promontory to raise pillars and altars to the God of light, Can-Our, the Chan-Orus of Egypt. But Can-Our, and Can-Ourah, they changed to *κυνοσουρα*, as I have shewn: yet notwithstanding this corruption the true name is often to be discovered. The place which is termed Cunofoura by Lucian in his *Icaromenippus*, is called Cunoura by Stephanus Byzant. and by

<sup>32</sup> Steph. Byzantinus.

<sup>33</sup> Ptolemy. L. 3. c. 15.

<sup>34</sup> Hesychius. Also a family at Lacedæmon, *φυλὴ Λακωνικὴ*: and Cunofouroi, the name of a family at Megara. See Alexander ab Alexandro. l. 1. c. 17.

<sup>35</sup> *Esse duas Arctos, quarum Cynosura petatur*

*Sidoniis; Helicen Graia carina notet.* Ovid. *Fastor.* L. 3. v. 107.

Paufanias.



<sup>36</sup> Pausanias. Cunoura is also used by Lycophron, who understood ancient terms full well, for any high rock or headland.

<sup>37</sup> Ἐν αἰσὶ πρὸς κυνoura καμπυλους σχασας  
Πευκης οδοντας.

Πρὸς κυνoura, πρὸς τραχειας πετρας. Scholiast. *ibid.*

We find the same mistake occur in the account transmitted to us concerning the first discovery of purple. The ancients very gratefully gave the merit of every useful and salutary invention to the Gods. Ceres was supposed to have discovered to men corn, and bread: Osiris shewed them the use of the plough; Cinyras of the harp: Vesta taught them to build. Every Deity was looked up to as the cause of some blessing. The Tyrians and Sidonians were famous for the manufacture of purple: the die of which was very exquisite, and the discovery of it was attributed to Hercules of Tyre; the same who by Palæphatus is stiled Hercules <sup>38</sup> Philosphus. But some will not allow him this honour; but say, that the dog of Hercules was the discoverer. For accidentally feeding upon the Murex, with which the coast abounded, the dog stained his mouth with the ichor of the fish; and from hence the first hint of dying was <sup>39</sup> taken.

<sup>36</sup> L. 3. p. 207.

<sup>37</sup> V. 99.

<sup>38</sup> Palæphatus *περὶ εφευρησεως κογχυλης*. p. 124.

<sup>39</sup> Cassiodorus of the purple. Cum fame canis avida in Tyrio littore projecta conchyliis impressis mandibulis contudisset, illa naturaliter humorem sanguineum diffuentia ora ejus mirabili colore tinxerunt: et ut est mos hominibus occasiones repentinas ad artes ducere, talia exempla meditantes fecerunt principibus decus nobile. L. 9. c. 36.

See also Chronicon Paschale. P. 43. Achilles Tatius. L. 3. Julius Pollux. L. 1. c. 4. p. 30. Ed. Amstel. Pliny. L. 9. c. 36.



This gave birth to the proverbial expression, <sup>40</sup> 'Ευρημα κυνος ην η σεβαση πορφυρα. Nonnus mentions the particular circumstance of the dog's staining his mouth :

<sup>41</sup> Χιονεας πορφυρε παρηιδας αιματι κοχλας.

Such is the story, which at first sight is too childish to admit of credit. It is not likely, that a dog would feed upon shell-fish : and if this may at any time have happened, yet whoever is at all conversant in natural history, must know, that the *murex* is of the turbinated kind, and particularly aculeated ; having strong and sharp protuberances, with which a dog would hardly engage. The story is founded upon the same misconception, of which so many instances have been produced. Hercules of Tyre, like all other oriental divinities, was stiled Cahen, and Cohen ; as was allowed by the Greeks themselves. <sup>42</sup> Τον 'Ηρακλην φασι κατα την Αιγυπτιων διαλεκτον ΧΩΝΑ λεγεσθαι. *We are told, that Hercules in the language of the Egyptians is called Chon.* This intelligence however they could not abide by ; but changed this sacred title to <sup>43</sup> κυων, a dog, which they described as an attendant upon the Deity.

The Grecians tell us, that the Egyptians stiled Hermes a dog : but they seem to have been aware, that they were guilty of an undue representation. Hence Plutarch tries to

<sup>40</sup> Cyrus Prodrumus *επι αποδημω τη φιλια.*

<sup>41</sup> Nonni Dionysiaca. L. 40. p. 1034.

<sup>42</sup> Etymologicum Magnum.

<sup>43</sup> Johannes Antiochenus, who tells the story at large, says, that purple was the discovery κυνος ποιμενικος, which in the original history was undoubtedly a shepherd king.



soften, and qualify what is mentioned, by saying, <sup>46</sup> Οὐ γὰρ κυρίως τὸν Ἑρμῆν ΚΥΝΑ λεγασιν (οἱ Αἰγυπτιοί): by which this learned writer would insinuate, that it was not so much the name of a dog, as the qualities of that animal, to which the Egyptians alluded. Plutarch thought by this refinement to take off the impropriety of conferring so base a name upon a Deity. But the truth is, that the Egyptians neither bestowed it nominally; nor alluded to it in any degree. The title, which they gave to Hermes, was the same, that they bestowed upon Hercules: they expressed it Cahen, and Cohen; and it was very properly represented above by the Greek term Χων, Chon. It is said of Socrates, that he sometimes made use of an uncommon oath, *μα τὸν κυνα, καὶ τὸν χηνα*, *by the dog and the goose*: which at first does not seem consistent with the gravity of his character. But we are informed by Porphyry, that this was not done by way of ridicule: for Socrates esteemed it a very serious and religious mode of attestation; and under these terms made a solemn appeal to the son of <sup>47</sup> Zeus. The purport of the words is obvious:

<sup>46</sup> Plutarch. Isis et Osiris. P. 355

<sup>47</sup> Οὐδ' ἐ Σωκράτης τὸν κυνα καὶ τὸν χηνα ὁμνυς ἐπαιζεν. Porphyry de Abstinentiâ. L. 3. p. 286.

It is said to have been first instituted by Rhadamanthus of Crete: *Ἐκελευσε (Ῥαδαμανθους) κατα χηνος, καὶ κυνος, καὶ κριος ὁμνυται*. Eustathius upon Homer. Odyss. γ. P. 1871.

See Aristophan. *Ορνιθεσ*. Scholia. v. 521. *Ὁμνυται κελευσαι (Ῥαδαμανθυν) χηνα, καὶ κυνα, κτλ.* from Socrates. L. 12. de Rebus Creticis.

The ancient Abantes of Eubœa stiled Zeus himself Cahen; called in after-times Cenæus. There was a promontory of the same name: *Κηταιον ακρωτη-*



obvious : and whatever hidden meaning there may have been, the oath was made ridiculous by the absurdity of the terms. Besides, what possible connection could there have subsisted between a dog and a Deity ; a goose and the son of Jove ? There was certainly none : yet Socrates, like the rest of his fraternity, having an antipathy to foreign terms, chose to represent his ideas through this false medium ; by which means the very essence of his invocation was lost. The son of Zeus, to whom he appealed, was the Egyptian Cahen abovementioned ; but this sacred title was idly changed to *κυνά και χήνα*, a dog and a goose, from a similitude in sound. That he referred to the Egyptian Deity is manifest from Plato, who acknowledges, that he swore, <sup>48</sup> *μα τον κυνα τον Αιγυπτίων θεον*. By which we are to understand a Cahen of Egypt. Porphyry expressly says, that it was the God Hermes the son of Zeus, and Maia : <sup>49</sup> *Κατα τον τῷ Διὸς και Μαιας παιδα ἐποιεῖτο τον ὅρκον*.

I cannot account upon any other principle than that, upon which I have proceeded, for the strange representation of Apollo, and Bacchus, gaping with open mouths. So it seems they were in some places described. Clemens of Alexandria mentions from Polemon, that Apollo was thus

*ριον* (Αἰαντων) Steph. Byzant. Here Hercules was supposed to have sacrificed after his conquest of Æchalia.

*Victor ab Æchaliâ Cenæo sacra parabat*

*Vota Jovi.* Ovid. *Metamorph.* L. 9. v. 136.

Sophocles in *Trachin.* V. 242. mentions, *Βωμῆς, τελητ' ἐγκάρπια Κηναιῶ Διὸς*

<sup>48</sup> Plato in *Gorgiâ.* Vol. 1. p. 482.

<sup>49</sup> Porphyry, L. 3. p. 286, so corrected by Jablonsky, L. v. c. 1. p. 10.

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exhibited: <sup>50</sup> Πολεμῶν δὲ κεχρημένος Ἀπολλωνὸς οἶδεν ἀγάλμα. And we are told, that a gaping <sup>51</sup> Bacchus was particularly worshiped at Samos. They were both the same as the Egyptian Orus; who was stiled Cahen-On, Rex, vel Deus Sol; out of which Cahen-On the Grecians seem to have formed the word Χαινων: and in consequence of it, these two Deities were represented with their jaws widely extended. This term was sometimes changed to κοινός, communis: hence it is that we so often meet with κοῖνοι Θεοί, and κοῖνοι βῶμοι, upon coins and marbles: also κοινός Ἑρμῆς. And as Hermes was the reputed God of gain, every thing found was adjudged to be κοινός, or common.

<sup>52</sup> Ἀλλ' ἐσίδεσθαι

Ἐξαπίνης, Ἑρμῆς κοινός, εἶπεν Ὀυγατῆς.

<sup>53</sup> Κοῖνον εἶναι τὸν Ἑρμῆν.

Notwithstanding this notion so universally received, yet among the Grecians themselves the term κοινός was an ancient title of eminence. <sup>54</sup> Κοινός, ὁ Δεσποτής. *Coīnos signifies a lord and master*: undoubtedly from Cohinus; and that from Cohen. It would be endless to enumerate all the instances which might be brought of this nature. Of this, I think, I am assured, that whoever will consider the uncouth names both of Deities, and men, as well as of places, in the light recommended; and attend to the mythology

<sup>50</sup> Clementis Cohortatio. P. 32.

<sup>51</sup> Pliny. L. 8. p. 446.

<sup>52</sup> Anthologia. L. 1. Epigram. 144.

<sup>53</sup> Theophrast. Charact.

<sup>54</sup> Hesychius.



transmitted concerning them ; will be able by these helps to trace them to their original meaning. It is, I think, plain, that what the Grecians so often interpreted *κυνες*, was an ancient Amonian title. When therefore I read of the brazen dog of Vulcan, of the dog of Erigone, of Orion, of Geryon, of Orus, of Hercules, of Amphilocho, of Hecate, I cannot but suppose, that they were the titles of so many Deities ; or else of their priests, who were denominated from their office. In short the Cahen of Egypt were no more dogs, than the Pateræ of Amon were basons : and though Diodorus does say, that at the grand celebrity of <sup>55</sup> Isis the whole was preceded by dogs, yet I cannot help being persuaded that they were the priests of the Goddess.

By this clue we may unravel many intricate histories transmitted from different parts. In the temple of Vulcan near mount Ætna there are said to have been a breed of dogs, which fawned upon good men, but were implacable to the bad. <sup>56</sup> *Inde etiam perpetuus ignis a Siculis alebatur in Æt-næo Vulcani templo, cui custodes adhibiti sunt sacri canes, blandientes piis hominibus, in impios ferocientes.* In the celebrated gardens of Electra there was a golden dog, which shewed the same regard to good men, and was as inveterate to others.

<sup>57</sup> *Χρυσεος οιδαινοντι κυων συνυλακτες λαιμω  
Σαινων ηθαδα φωτα.*

<sup>55</sup> Diodorus Siculus de pompâ Isiacâ. L. 1. p. 78.

<sup>56</sup> Huetius. Præp. Evang. P. 86. from Cornutus de naturâ Deorum.

A like history is given of serpents in Syria by Aristotle, *περι θαυμασιων ακρο-  
μετων* : and by Pliny and Isidorus of birds in the islands of Diomedes.

<sup>57</sup> Nonni Dionysica. L. 3. p. 94.



What is more remarkable, there were many gaping dogs in this temple; which are represented as so many statues, yet were endowed with life.

<sup>58</sup> Χασμασι ποιητοισι σεσηροτες ανθεριωνες  
Ψευδαλεων σκυλακων σιχες εμφρονες.

Homer describes something of the same nature in the gardens of Alcinous.

<sup>59</sup> Χρυσειοι δ' εκατερθε και αργυρεοι κυνες ησαν,  
'Ους 'Ηφαισος ετευξεν ιδυιησι πραπιδεσσιν,  
Αθανατες οντας, και αγηρως ηματα παντα.

All this relates to the Cusean priests of Vulcan or Hephaistos and to the priesthood established in his temple: which priesthood was kept up by succession, and never became extinct. What was Cusean, the Greeks often rendered *Χρυσειον*, as I shall hereafter shew. The same people were also stiled Cuthim; and this word likewise among the ancients signified gold: from hence these priests were stiled *Χρυσειοι κυνες*. We find the like history in Crete: here too was a golden dog, which Zeus had appointed to be the guardian of his temple<sup>60</sup>. By comparing these histories I think we cannot fail of arriving at the latent meaning. The God of light among other titles was stiled Cahen, or Chan-Ades: but the term being taken in the same acceptation here, as in the instances above, the Deity was changed to a dog, and said:

<sup>58</sup> Ibid.

<sup>59</sup> Homer. Odyss. L. 8. v. 92.

<sup>60</sup> Τον Κυνα τον χρυσειον απεδειξεν (ὁ Ζεὺς) φυλαττειν το ἱερον εν Κρήτη. Antoninus Liberalis. C. 35. p. 180.



to reside in the infernal regions. From hence he was supposed to have been dragged to light by Hercules of Thebes. The notion both of Cerberus and Hades being subterraneous Deities took its rise from the temples of old being situated near vast caverns, which were esteemed passages to the realms below. Such were in Messenia, in Argolis, in Bithynia, and at Enna in Sicily; not to mention divers other places. These temples were often named Kir-Abor; and the Deity Chan-Ades; out of which terms the Greeks formed *Τὸν Κερβερον κυνα ἄδης*; and fabled, that he was forced into upper air by Hercules through these infernal inlets. And as temples similar in name and situation were built in various parts, the like history was told of them all. Pausanias takes notice of this event, among other places, being ascribed to the cavern at <sup>61</sup> Tænarus; as well as to one at <sup>62</sup> Træzen, and to a third near the city <sup>63</sup> Hermione. The Poet Dionysius speaks of the feat being performed in the country of the Marianduni near Colchis.

<sup>64</sup> *Και Μαρνανδυνων ἱερὸν πεδον, ἐνθ' ἐνεπυσιν  
Οὐδαια Κρονίδαο μέγαν κυνα Χαλκροφωνον  
Χερσιν ἀνελκομενον μεγαλητορος Ἡρακλῆος,  
Δεινον ἀπο σωματων βαλεειν σιαλωδεα χυλον.*

But however the Deity in all these instances may have been

<sup>61</sup> Pausanias of Tænarus. L. 3. p. 275.

<sup>62</sup> ——— of Træzen. L. 2. p. 183.

<sup>63</sup> ——— of Hermione. L. 2. p. 196.

<sup>64</sup> Dionys. *Περσηνικ.* V. 791. This temple stood, according to Diodorus Siculus and Arrian, in the country of the Cimmerians near the Acherusian Chersonese. See Scholia to Dionysius above.



degraded to the regions of darkness, yet he was the God of light, Κυν-άδης; and such was the purport of that name. He was the same as Apollo, as may be proved from the Cunidæ at Athens, who were a family set apart for his service. Κυννιδαι, γένος Αθηνησιν, ἐξ οὗ ὁ ἱερεὺς τῆς Κυννιᾶς Απολλωνος. Hesychius. *The Cunnidai are a family at Athens; out of which the priest of Apollo Cunnius is chosen.* He styles him Apollo Cunnius: but the Cunidai were more properly denominated from Apollo Cunides, the same as Cun-Ades. Poseidon was expressly stiled Cun-Ades; and he was the same Deity as Apollo; only under a different title, as I have shewn. Κυνάδης Ποσειδῶν Αθηνησιν ἐτιματο. Hesychius. *Poseidon was worshiped at Athens under the title of Cun-Ades.*

Though I have endeavoured to shew, that the term, of which I have been treating, was greatly misapplied in being so uniformly referred to dogs; yet I do not mean to insinuate, that it did not sometimes relate to them. They were distinguished by this sacred title, and were held in some degree of <sup>65</sup> veneration: but how far they were revered is not easy to determine. Herodotus <sup>66</sup> speaking of the sanctity of some animals in Egypt, says, that the people in every family, where a dog died, shaved themselves all over: and he mentions it as a custom still subsisting in his own time. Plutarch <sup>67</sup> differs from him. He allows, that these animals were at

<sup>65</sup> Oppida tota canem venerantur. Juvenal. Sat. 15. v. 8.

Diodorus. L. 1. p. 16.

<sup>66</sup> Herodotus. L. 2. c. 66.

<sup>67</sup> Plutarch. Isis et Osiris. P. 368.



one time esteemed holy ; but it was before the time of Cambyfes : from the æra of his reign they were held in another light : for when this king killed the sacred Apis, the dogs fed so liberally upon his entrails without making a proper distinction, that they lost all their sanctity. It is of little consequence, whichever account be the truest. They were certainly of old looked upon as sacred ; and esteemed emblems of the Deity. And it was perhaps with a view to this, and to prevent the Israelites retaining any notion of this nature, that a dog was not suffered to come within the precincts of the temple at <sup>68</sup> Jerusalem. In the Mosaic law the price of a dog, and the hire of a harlot are put upon the same level. <sup>69</sup> *Thou shalt not bring the hire of a whore, or the price of a dog, into the house of the Lord thy God for any vow : for both these are an abomination to the Lord thy God.*

To conclude : The Dog in Egypt was undoubtedly called Cahen, and Cohen ; a title by which many other animals and even vegetables were honoured, on account of their being consecrated to some Deity. The Greeks did not consider, that this was a borrowed appellation, which belonged to the Gods, and their Priests ; and was from them extended to many things held sacred. Hence they have continually referred this term to one object only : by which means they have misrepresented many curious pieces of history ; and a number of idle fables have been devised to the disparagement of all that was true.

<sup>68</sup> Εξω κυves was a proverbial expression among the Jews.

<sup>69</sup> Deuteronomy. C. 23. v. 18.



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**A**MONG the different branches of the great Amonian family, which spread themselves abroad, the sons of Chus were the most considerable; and at the same time the most enterprising. They got access into countries widely distant; where they may be traced under different denominations, but more particularly by their family title. This we might expect the Greeks to have rendered Chusos, and to have named the people *Χυσαῖοι*, Chusæi. But by a fatal misprision they uniformly changed these terms to words more familiar to their ear, and rendered them *Χρυσος*, and *Χρυσεῖος*, as if they had a reference to gold. I have before mentioned the various parts of the world, where the Amonians settled; and especially this branch of that family. Their most considerable colonies westward were in Ionia, and Hellas; and about Cuma, and



Liguria in Italy; and upon the coast of Iberia in Spain. They were likewise to be found in Cyrene; and still farther in Mauritania, and in the islands opposite to that coast. In the north they were to be met with at Colchis, towards the foot of Mount Caucaſus, and in moſt regions upon the coast of the Euxine ſea. In the histories of theſe countries the Grecians have conſtantly changed Chufos, the Gentile name, to Chruſos, Χρυſος; and Chus-Or, Chuſorus, to Χρυſωρ, Chruſor: and in conſequence of this alteration they have introduced in their accounts of theſe places ſome legend about gold. Hence we read of a golden fleece at Colchis; golden apples at the Heſperides; at <sup>1</sup> Tarteffus a golden cup; and at Cuma in Campania a golden branch:

Aureus et foliis, et lento vimine, ramus.

Something ſimilar is obſervable in the hiſtory of Cyrene. The natives were not remarkable for either mines, or merchandiſe: yet Palæphatus having mentioned that they were κατὰ γένος Αἰθιοπες, Ethiopians by extraction, that is, Cuſeans, ſubjoins: <sup>2</sup> Εἰσι δὲ σφοδρὰ χρυσοί. Pindar in celebrating each happy circumſtance of the Inſulæ Fortunatæ mentions, that there were trees with branches of gold: <sup>3</sup> Αἰθέμα δὲ χρυσοῦ φλεγει. The river Phas in Colchis was ſuppoſed.

<sup>1</sup> In this golden cup Hercules was ſuppoſed to have paſſed over the ocean. Χρυſοί ——— δέπας, ἐν ᾧ τὸν ὠκεανὸν διηπέρασεν Ἡρακλῆς. Apollodorus. L. 2. p. 100.

There was likewiſe in the ſame place a ſtory about a golden belt: Philoſtratus: Vita Apollon. L. 5. p. 212.

<sup>2</sup> Palæphatus. Edit. Elz. 1642. p. 76. the author would not ſay σφοδρὰ πλεον, but keeps to the ancient term χρυσοί, though it is ſcarce ſenſe.

<sup>3</sup> Pindar. Olymp. Ode 2. 575φ. δ. P. 25.



to have abounded with gold : and the like was pretended of the Hermus and Pactolus in Ionia. Not only the Poets, but many of the graver <sup>4</sup> historians speak of their golden sands. Yet there is reason to doubt of the fact: for not one of them produces any good voucher for what they suppose. They do not mention any trade carried on, nor riches accruing from this lucky circumstance: so that there is no reason to think, that one grain of gold was gathered from these celebrated streams. Among the several islands occupied by this people were Rhodes, and Delos. In the former the chief city is said to have been blessed with showers of gold. <sup>5</sup> *Ενθα ποτε βρεχε θεων βασιλευς ὁ μέγας χρυσαις νιφαδεσσι πολιν.* At Delos every thing was golden, even the slippers of the God.

<sup>6</sup> *Χρυσέα και τα πεδιλα, πολοχρυσος γαρ Απολλων.*

And this not only in after times, when the island was enriched with offerings from different nations, but even at the birth of the God ; by which is meant the foundation of his temple, and introduction of his rites.

<sup>7</sup> *Χρυσέα τοι ποτε παντα θεμειλια γεινατο, Δηλε,*

<sup>4</sup> *Χρυσοφρεσι δ' εκ τῆ Καυκασο πολλὰι πηγαὶ ψηγμα αφανες.* Appian de Bello Mithridat. P. 242. Saluces, an ancient king of Colchis, was said to have abounded with gold. Pliny. L. 33. c. 15. p. 614. Arrian supposes that they put fleeces into the rivers to intercept (*ψηγμα αφανες*) this imperceptible mineral: and that from hence arose the fable of the Golden Fleece.

<sup>5</sup> Pindar. Olymp. Ode 7. p. 64.

<sup>6</sup> Callimachus. Hymn to Apollo. V. 34.

In like manner there was a shower of gold at Thebes in Bœotia. Pindar speaks of Jupiter *Χρυσῷ μεσορυκτιον νιφοντα.* Isthm. Ode 7. p. 476.

<sup>7</sup> Callimachus. Hymn to Delos. V. 260.



Χρυσῶ δὲ τροχόεσσα πανημερος ἐρῶρε λιμνῇ,  
 Χρυσεῖον δ' ἐκομισσε γενεθλίον ἐρνος ἐλαιῆς,  
 Χρυσῶ δὲ πλημυρὲ βάθυσ Ἰνώπας ἐλιχθεῖς,  
 Αὐτὴ δὲ χρυσοῖο ἀπ' ἑδῆος εἶλεο παῖδα,  
 Ἐν δ' ἐβάλευ κολποῖσιν.

We find, that the very soil and foundations of the island were golden : the lake floated with golden waves : the olive-tree vegetated with golden fruit : and the river Inopus, deep as it was, swelled with gold. Homer in a Hymn to the same personage represents the whole more compendiously by saying, that the island was weighed down with treasure :

<sup>8</sup> Χρυσῶ δ' ἀγαθὸς Δῆλος ἀπάσσα

Βεβριθεῖ.

I have before mentioned, that the Amonians settled in Liguria : and in consequence of it the Heliadæ are represented as weeping not only amber, but gold. Philostratus, speaking of a particular species of fir-trees in Boëtica, says, that they dropped blood, just as the Heliadæ upon the Padus did <sup>9</sup> gold.

Thus by the Egyptians and Canaanites was stiled Orchus, and <sup>10</sup> Chus-Or ; the latter of which was expressed by the Greeks, analogous to the examples above, Χρυσῶρ.

<sup>8</sup> Homer. Hymn. to Apollo. V. 135.

<sup>9</sup> Πευκῆς εἶδος ἕτερον λείβεσθαι δ' αἵματι, καθάπερ τῷ χρυσῷ τὴν Ἥλιαδα αἰγείρον. Philostratus. L. 5. p. 211. Æschylus mentions the Arimaspians as living upon a golden stream;

οἱ Χρυσόρρυτον

Οἰκιστὴν ἀμφὶ νῆμα Πλάτωνα ποιεῖ. Prometheus. P. 49.

<sup>10</sup> Hence the celebrated city in Egypt had the name of Cerchusora. Some traces of Orcus may be found in Zeus Hircius, and Orcius, mentioned by Pausanias. L. 5. p. 442. He supposes the name to be from ὄρκος, an oath, and mentions a legend to that purpose.

Chrusor :



Chrusor: and we learn in Eusebius from Philo, that Chrusor was one of the principal Deities of the Phenicians, a great benefactor to mankind; and by some supposed to have been the same as Hephaistus. Both the Tyrians and Sidonians were undoubtedly a mixed race; and preserved the memory of Ham, and Chus, equally with that of Canaan.

This name so often rendered Chrusos, and Chrusor, was sometimes changed to *Χρυσάωρ*, Chrusaor; and occurs in many places, where the Cuthites were known to have settled. We have been shewn, that they were a long time in Egypt; and we read of a Chrusaor in those parts, who is said to have arisen from the blood of Medusa.

<sup>11</sup> *Ἐξεθόρε Χρυσάωρ τε μέγας, καὶ Πηγασὸς ἵππος.*

We meet with the same Chrusaor in the regions of Asia Minor, especially among the Carians. In these parts he was particularly worshipped, and said to have been the first deified mortal. The great Divan of that nation was called Chrusaorium; and there was a city <sup>12</sup> Chrusaoris; and a temple of the same name. <sup>13</sup> *Ἐγγυς δὲ τῆς πόλεως τοῦ τῶ Χρυσάωρος Διὸς κοινὸν ἅπαντων Κάρων, εἰς ὃ συγίαντι θύσαντες τε καὶ βεβλυσάμενοι.* This city was properly called Chus-Or; and built in memory of the same person, as the city Chusora, called also <sup>14</sup> Cerchusora, in Egypt. It was undoubtedly founded

<sup>11</sup> Hesiod. Theog. V. 281.

<sup>12</sup> *Χρυσάωρις, πόλις Καρίας*——*Ἐπαφροδίτου δὲ τὴν Κάρειαν πᾶσαν Χρυσάωριδι λέγεσθαι (φησι).* Steph. Byzant.

<sup>13</sup> Strabo. L. 14. p. 975. Zeus was a title conferred upon more than one of the family.

<sup>14</sup> Herodotus. L. 2. c. 15. Also C. 17. and 97. called by Strabo *Κερκεσώρα*. L. 17. p. 1160.



by some of the same family, who in aftertimes worshiped their chief ancestor; as the Sidonians and Syrians did likewise. For this we have the testimony of Sanchoniathon; who having mentioned the various benefits bestowed upon mankind by Chrusaor, says at the conclusion, <sup>15</sup> Διο και ως θεον αυτον μετα θανατον εσεβασθησαν· *for which reason after his death they worshiped him as a God.* The first king of Iberia was named Chrusaor, the reputed father of <sup>16</sup> Geryon; and he is said to have been πολυχρυσος, a person of great wealth: all which is an Egyptian history transferred from the Nile to the Bœtis.

<sup>17</sup> Χρυσάωρ δ' ετεκε τρικατηνον Γηρυονηα,  
Μιχθεις Χαλλιροη κερη κλυτε Ωκεανοιο.

Geryon of Spain was, according to this mythology of the Poet, the son of Chrusaor; and Chrusaor was confessedly of Egyptian original: so that whatever the fable may allude to, it must have been imported into Bœtica from Egypt by some of the sons of Chus. The Grecians borrowed this term, and applied it to Apollo; and from this epithet, Chrusaor, he was denominated the God of the golden sword. Homer accordingly styles him <sup>18</sup> Απολλωνα Χρυσάωρα: and speaking of Apollo's infancy he says, <sup>19</sup> Ουδ' αε' Απολλωνα Χρυσάωρα

<sup>15</sup> Sanchoniathon apud Euseb. Præp. Evan. L. 1. p. 35.

<sup>16</sup> Diodorus Sic. L. 4. p. 224.

<sup>17</sup> Hesiod. Theog. V. 287.

Τρισωματον βότηρ' Ερυθραιας. Euripides. Hercules Furens. V. 423.

<sup>18</sup> Homer. Iliad. O. V. 256.

<sup>19</sup> Homer. Hymn to Apollo. V. 123.



θησατο μητης : and Diana is termed <sup>20</sup> Αυτοκασιγνητη Χρυσασαορος Απολλωνος.

This title cannot possibly relate to the implement supposed : for it would be idle to stile an infant the God of the golden sword. It was a weapon, which at no time was ascribed to him : nor do I believe, that he is ever represented with one either upon a gem, or a marble. He is described as wishing for a harp, and for a bow.

<sup>21</sup> Εἰη μοι κιθαρις τε φιλη, και καμπυλα τοξα.

And his mother is said to have been pleased, that she produced him to the world an archer :

<sup>22</sup> Χαιρε δὲ Λητω,

Ὅυνεκα τοξοφορον και καρτερον υἱον ετικτεν.

These habiliments are often specified : but I do not recollect any mention made of a sword, nor was the term Chrusaor of Grecian etymology.

Since then we may be assured that Chus was the person alluded to under the name of Chrusos, Chrusor, and Chrusaor ; we need not wonder that his substitute Apollo is so often stiled Χρυσοκομης, and Χρυσολυγος : that the harp, called by the Amonians <sup>23</sup> Chan-Or, and Cuth-Or, from the supposed inventor, should by the Grecians be denominated Χρυσεαφορμιγξ <sup>24</sup> Απολλωνος : that so many cities, where Apollo was :

<sup>20</sup> Second Hymn to Diana. V. 3.

Perseus is stiled Χρυσασαορος in Orpheus de Lapid. C. 15. v. 41.

<sup>21</sup> Homer. Hymn to Apollo. V. 131.

<sup>22</sup> Ibid. V. 126.

<sup>23</sup> Apollo was represented as the author of the lyre, called among the oriental nations Kinor, and Cuthar : from the latter of which came κιθαρις, and cithara in the west.

<sup>24</sup> Pindar. Pyth. Ode 1.

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particularly worshiped, should be called Chruse, and Chrusopolis; the number of which was of no small <sup>25</sup> amount. Nor is this observable in cities only, but in rivers, which were named in the same manner. For it was usual in the first ages to consecrate rivers to Deities, and to call them after their names. Hence many were denominated from Chrusus, which by the Greeks was changed to *Χρυσορροας*; and from this mistake they were supposed to abound with gold. The Nile was called Chrusorrhoas<sup>26</sup>, which had no pretensions to gold: and there was a river of this name at <sup>27</sup> Damascus. Others too might be produced, none of which had any claim to that mineral. There was a stream Chrusorrhoas near the Amazonian city Themiscura in <sup>28</sup> Pontus: and the river Pactolus was of old so called, whence probably came the notion of its abounding with gold. <sup>29</sup> *Πακτωλος ποταμος εστι της Λυδίας——εκαλειτο δε προτερον Χρυσορροας*. It was named Chrusorrhoas first, and in aftertimes Pactolus: whence we may conclude in respect to gold, that the name was not

<sup>25</sup> *Χρυση, ή πολις τς Απολλωνος εγγυς Δημνς—και της Λεσβιας τοπος και Πανηφαιτια της Δημνς ακρωτήριον—και εν Βιθυνια, και περι Χαλκηδονα, και της Καρίας και εν τη Αλικαρνασίδι Δωριον πέδιον και εν Έλλησποντω εστι και αλλη Χρυσονησος της Ινδικης εν δε τη εκτος Γανγς Ινδικη*. Stephanus Byzant.

See also *Χρυσοπολις* ibidem.

<sup>26</sup> Cedrenus. P. 12.

<sup>27</sup> Strabo. L. 16. p. 1095.

<sup>28</sup> Hoffman Lexic.

<sup>29</sup> Plutarch de fluminibus. P. 1151. The original name was Chrusaor, which had no relation to a golden stream: at least that part of it was so named which ran through the city Maſtura. See Stephanus Byzant. *Μαſαυρα*.



given on account of any such circumstance; but the notion was inferred from the name.

It is apparent that this repeated mistake arose in great measure from the term Chusus and Chrusus being similar: whence the latter was easily convertible into the former; which to the Grecians appeared a more intelligible, and at the same time a more splendid, title. But there was still another obvious reason for this change. Chus was by many of the eastern nations expressed Cuth; and his posterity the Cuthim. This term in the ancient Chaldæic, and other Amonian languages, signified <sup>30</sup> gold: hence many cities and countries, where the Cuthites settled, were described as golden, and were represented by the terms Chrusos and Chrusæ. These, as I have shewn, had no relation to gold, but to Chus, who was revered as the Sun, or Apollo; and was looked upon as Dionusus; but may more truly be esteemed Bacchus. Hence, when the poet Dionysius mentions the island Chrusæ in <sup>31</sup> India, his commentator observes; *Χρυσή νησος, λεγομένη ἔτιως, ἡ δια το χρυσον φερειν, ἡ κατὰ τον Διονυσον* and at last concludes, <sup>32</sup> *Χρυσος ειναι πως δοκει ὁ ἥλιος*.

In a former dissertation concerning the Shepherd Kings in Egypt, I have shewn that they were the sons of Chus, who

<sup>30</sup> כסף of the Hebrews.

<sup>31</sup> Dionysius *περιηγης*. V. 589. Scholia *ibidem*.

<sup>32</sup> The ancients, as I have before observed, were not consistent in their theology. The Sun was properly Cham, stiled also Orus; but, as a title, was bestowed upon more persons than one.



came into that country under the title of Auritæ. They settled in a province named from them Cushman, which was at the upper part of Delta ; and in after times called Nomos Arabicus. It was in the vicinity of Memphis, and Aphroditopolis, which places they likewise <sup>33</sup> occupied. I have mentioned that Chufos was often expressed Chrusos, and the country of the Cuthim rendered the golden country. If then there be that uniformity in error which I maintain, it may be expected that in the history of these places there should be some reference to gold. It is remarkable that all this part of Egypt, conformably to what I have said, was called Χρυση, Chrusæ. Here was the campus aureus, and Aphrodite Aurea of the Romans : and all the country about Memphis was stiled golden. To this Diodorus, among others, bears witness : <sup>34</sup> Τὴν τε Αφροδίτην ὀνομαζεῖσθαι παρὰ τοῖς ἐγχωρίοις Χρυσὴν ΕΚ ΠΑΛΑΙΑΣ ΠΑΡΑΔΟΣΕΩΣ, καὶ πεδίου εἶναι καλεσμένον Χρυσῆς Αφροδίτης περὶ τὴν ὀνομαζομένην Μεμφιν. When the Cuthite shepherds came into Egypt, they made Memphis the seat of royal <sup>35</sup> residence : and hard by was the nome of Aphrodite, and the Arabian nome, which they particularly possessed : and which in consequence of it were both stiled the regions of the Cuthim. Hence came the title of <sup>36</sup> Aphrodite Chrusæ : and hence

<sup>33</sup> Josephus of Salatis, the first Shepherd King ; Οὗτος ἐν τῇ Μεμφίδι κατέγωνετο. Contra Apion. L. 1. §. 14.

<sup>34</sup> Diodorus Sic. L. 1. p. 88.

<sup>35</sup> Josephus contra Apion. L. 1. c. 14.

<sup>36</sup> Justin Martyr mentions this : Εγὼ γὰρ καὶ τέμενος Χρυσῆς Αφροδίτης ἐν Αἰγύπτῳ λεγόμενον, καὶ πεδίου Χρυσῆς Αφροδίτης ὀνομαζόμενον. Cohort. P. 28. Chrusæ Aphrodite is plainly the Cuthite Venus ; the Deity of the Cuthim.



the country had the name of the Golden district. The island at the point of Delta, where stood the city Cercusora, is called Gieserat <sup>37</sup> Eddahib, or the Golden Island, at this day. Diodorus mentions, that this appellation of Chruse was derived from *a very antient tradition*. This tradition undoubtedly related to the shepherds, those sons of Chus, who were so long in possession of the country; and whose history was of the highest antiquity.

The Cuthites in the west occupied only some particular spots: but from Babylonia eastward the greatest part of that extensive sea-coast seems to have been in their possession. In the history of these parts there is often some allusion to gold, as may be seen in the island Chruse, above mentioned; and in the Chersonesus Aurea, which lay beyond the Ganges: and not only of gold, but sometimes a reference to brass; and this from a similar mistake. For as Chrusus was changed to Chrusus, Χρυσος, gold; so was Cal-Chus, the hill, or place of Chus, converted to Chalcus, Χαλκος, brass. Colchis was properly Col-Chus; and therefore called also Cuta, and Cutaia. But what was Colchian being sometimes rendered Chalcion, Χαλκιον, gave rise to the fable of brazen bulls; which were only Colchic Tor, or towers. There was a region named Colchis in <sup>38</sup> India: for where the Cuthites settled, they continually kept up the memory of their forefathers, and called places by their names. This being a

<sup>37</sup> Pocock's and Norden's Travels, and maps of the country about Cairo.

<sup>38</sup> Colchis near Comar. Arrian Periplus maris Erythræi. Geog. Vet. Vol. i, P. 33.



secret to Philostratus has led him into a deal of mysterious error. It is well known, that this people were stiled Oreitæ, and Auritæ, both in Egypt and in other parts. Philostratus says that <sup>39</sup> Apollonius came to a settlement of the Oreitæ upon the Indian Ocean. He also visited their Pegadæ; and, what is remarkable, he met with a people, whose very rocks were brazen; their sand was brazen: the rivers conveyed down their streams fine filaments of brass: and the natives esteemed their land golden on account of the plenty of brass. Now what is this detail, but an abuse of terms, ill understood, and shamefully misapplied? Philostratus had heard of a region in India; the history of which he would fain render marvellous. The country, whither Apollonius is supposed to go, was a province of the Indo-Cuthites, who were to be met with in various parts under the title of Oreitæ. They were worshipers of fire, and came originally from the land of Ur; and hence had that name. The Pegadæ of the country are what we now call Pagodas; and which are too well known to need describing. There were in this part of the world several cities, and temples, dedicated to the memory of Chus. Some of these are famous at this day, though denominated after the Babylonish dialect Cutha, and Cuta; witness Calcutta, and Calcut. The latter seems to have been the capital of the region called of old Colchis. This was more truly expressed Cal-Chus; which Philostratus has

<sup>39</sup> Κατασχεῖν δὲ φασὶ καὶ ἐς Πηγαδας τῆς τῶν Ὠρειτῶν χώρας. Ὅιδε Ὠρεῖται, χαλκαὶ μὲν αὐτοῖς αἱ πέτραι, χαλκὴ δὲ ἡ ψαμμος, χαλκὴν δὲ ψήγμα οἱ ποταμοὶ ἀγῶσι. Χρυσὴν τὴν γῆν διὰ τὴν εὐφροσύνην τῆς Χαλκῆς. Philostratus. Vita Apollon. L. 3. p. 155.



mistaken for *Χαλκος*, brass; and made the very <sup>40</sup> rocks and rivers abound with that mineral. And yet, that the old mistake about gold may not be omitted, he concludes with a strange antithesis, by saying, that the natives esteemed their country *Χρυσίτις*, or golden, from the quantity of <sup>41</sup> brass.

It has been my endeavour to prove that what the Grecians represented by *Chrusos*, *Chrusor*, and *Chrusaor*, should have been expressed *Chus*, *Chufos*, and *Chufor*, called also *Chus-Orus*. *Chus* was the son of *Ham*; and though the names of the Grecian Deities are not uniformly appropriated, yet *Ham* is generally looked upon as *Ἥλιος*, the Sun; and had the title *Dis*, and *Dios*: hence the city of *Amon* in Egypt was rendered *Diospolis*. If then *Chrusos*, and *Chrusor*, be, as I have supposed, *Chus*; the person so denominated must have been, according to the more ancient mythology, the son of *Helius*, and *Dios*. We find accordingly that it was so. The Scholiast upon *Pindar* expressly says, <sup>42</sup> *Διος παῖς ὁ Χρυσος*. And in another place he is said to have been the offspring of *Helius*, who was no other than *Cham*. <sup>43</sup> *Ἐκ θείας καὶ Ὑπεριονος Ἥλιος, ἐκ δὲ Ἥλιος ὁ Χρυσος*. Magic and incantations are attributed to *Chus*, as the inventor; and they were certainly first practised among his sons: hence it is said by *Sanchoniathon*, <sup>44</sup> *Τὸν Χρυσῶς λόγους ἀσκησάαι καὶ*

<sup>40</sup> The *Petra*, and *Pagoda* were the same: both names for temples.

<sup>41</sup> This mistake arose from *Cal-Chus* being stiled the region of the *Cuthim*.

<sup>42</sup> Scholia upon *Pindar*. *Pyth. Ode 4.* p. 259.

<sup>43</sup> Scholia upon *Pindar*. *Isth. Ode 5.* p. 462.

<sup>44</sup> *Sanchoniathon* apud *Euseb*: *Præp. Evan. L. 1. c. 10.* p. 35.



επιπιδας, και μαντειας. He was however esteemed a great benefactor ; and many salutary inventions were ascribed to him. He had particularly the credit of being the first who ventured upon the seas : <sup>45</sup> Πρωτων τε παντων ανθρωπων πλευσαι. Whether this can be said truly of Chus himself, is uncertain : it agrees full well with the history of his sons ; who, as we have the greatest reason to be assured, were the first great navigators in the world.

<sup>45</sup> Sanchoniath : ibid.





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C A N A A N, C N A A N, and X N A Σ:

And of the Derivative K Υ K N O Σ.

**L**UCIAN tells us, that reflecting upon the account given of Phaethon, who fell thunderstruck into the Eridanus, and of his sisters, who were changed to poplars, weeping amber, he took a resolution, if he should ever be near the scene of these wonderful transactions, to inquire among the natives concerning the truth of the story. It so happened, that, at a certain time, he was obliged to go up the river above mentioned: and he says, that he looked about very wistfully; yet to his great amazement he saw neither amber, nor poplar. Upon this he took the liberty to ask the people, who rowed him, when he should arrive at the amber-dropping trees: but it was with some difficulty that he could make them understand, what he meant. He then explained to them the story of Phaethon: how he borrowed the chariot of the Sun; and being an awkward cha-

<sup>1</sup> Lucian de Electro. Vol. 2. p. 523. Edit. Salmurii.



rioteer, tumbled headlong into the Eridanus : that his sisters pined away with grief ; and at last were transformed to trees, the same of which he had just spoken : and he assured them, that these trees were to be found somewhere upon the banks, weeping amber. Who the deuce, says one of the boatmen, could tell you such an idle story ? We never heard of any charioteer tumbling into the river ; nor have we, that I know of, a single poplar in the country. If there were any trees hereabouts dropping amber, do you think, master, that we would sit here day after day, tugging against stream for a dry groat, when we might step ashore, and make our fortunes so easily ? This affected Lucian a good deal : for he had formed some hopes of obtaining a little of this precious commodity ; and began to think that he must have been imposed upon. However as Cycnus, the brother of Phaethon, was here changed to a swan, he took it for granted that he should find a number of those birds, sailing up and down the stream, and making the groves echo with their melody. But not perceiving any in a great space, he took the liberty, as he passed onward, to put the question again to the boatmen ; and to make enquiry about these birds. Pray, gentlemen, says he, at what particular season is it that your swans hereabouts sing so sweetly ? It is said, that they were formerly men, and always at Apollo's side ; being in a manner of his privy council. Their skill in musick must have been very great : and though they have been changed into birds they retain that faculty, and, I am told, sing most melodiously. The watermen could not help smiling at this account. Why, sir, says one of them, what strange stories  
you



you have picked up about our country, and this river? We have plied here, men and boys, for years: and to be sure we cannot say, that we never saw a swan: there are some here and there towards the fens; which make a low dull noise: but as for any harmony, a rook or a jackdaw in comparison of them may be looked upon as a nightingale.

Such are the witty strictures of Lucian upon the story of Phaethon, and Cycnus, as described by the poets. Whatever may have been the grounds upon which this fiction is founded, they were certainly unknown to the Greeks; who have misinterpreted what little came to their hands, and from such misconstruction devised these fables. The story, as we have it, is not uniformly told. Some, like Lucian, speak of swans in the plural; and suppose them to have been the ministers, and attendants of Apollo, who assisted at his concerts. Others mention one person only, called Cycnus; who was the reputed brother of Phaethon, and at his death was transformed to the bird of that name. The fable is the same whichever way it may be related, and the purport of it is likewise the same. There is one mistake in the story, which I must set right before I proceed; as it may be of some consequence in the process of my enquiry. Phaethon is represented by many of the poets as the offspring of the Sun, or Apollo: <sup>2</sup> *Sole fatus Phaethon*. But this was a mistake, and to be found chiefly among the Roman poets. Phaethon was the Sun. It was a title of Apollo; and was given to him as the God of light. This is manifest from the testimony of the more early

<sup>2</sup> Ovid. *Metamorph.* L. i. v. 751.



Greek poets, and particularly from Homer, who uses it in this acceptation.

<sup>3</sup> ΟΥΔΕΠΟΤ' ΑΥΤΕΣ

ΗΕΛΙΟΣ ΦΑΕΘΩΝ ΕΠΙΔΕΡΜΕΤΑΙ ΑΚΤΙΝΕΣΣΙΝ.

In respect to Cycnus and his brotherhood, those vocal ministers of Apollo, the story, which is told of them, undoubtedly alludes to Canaan the son of Ham; and to the Canaanites his posterity. They sent out many colonies; which colonies, there is great reason to think, settled in those places, where these legends about swans particularly prevailed. The name of Canaan was by different nations greatly varied, and ill expressed: and this misconstruction among the Greeks gave rise to the fable. To shew this it will be proper to give an account of the rites and customs of the Canaanites, as well as of their extensive traffick. Among the many branches of the Amonian family, which settled in various parts of the world, and carried on an early correspondence, the Canaanites were not the least respectable. They traded from Sidon chiefly, before that city was taken by the king of

<sup>3</sup> Homer. Odyss. L. λ. v. 15. Phaethon was universally allowed to be the Sun by the ancient mythologists of Greece; to whom we must appeal, and not to the Roman poets. Orpheus says,

Ηελιον Φαεθοντα εφ' ἄρμασι πωλοι αγασι. de Lapid. v. 90.

And in another place;

Ευθυσ' οτ' εκ περατων γαιης Φαεθων ανορθων, κλ.

Phaethon was the same as Phanes: and there is something very mysterious in his character. He is represented as the first born of heaven: Πρωτογονος Φαεθων περιμνηκος Ηερος υιος.—Hunc ait (Orpheus) esse omnium Deorum parentem; quorum causâ coelum condiderit, liberisque prospexerit, ut haberent habitaculum, sedemque communem: Εκτισεν Αθανατοις δομον αφθιτον. Lactantius de falsâ religione. L. 1. c. 5. p. 15. His history will be explained hereafter.



Ascalon: and upon their commerce being interrupted here, they <sup>4</sup> removed it to the strong hold of Tyre. This place was soon improved to a mighty city, which was very memorable in its day. The Canaanites, as they were a sister tribe of the Mizraïm, so were they extremely like them in their rites and religion. They held a heifer, or cow, in high veneration, agreeably with the <sup>5</sup> customs of Egypt: Their chief Deity was the Sun, whom they worshiped together with the Baalim, under the titles Ourchol, Adonis, Thamuz. It was a custom among the Grecians at the celebration of their religious festivals to crown the whole with hymns of praise, and the most joyful exclamations. But the Egyptians were of a gloomy turn of mind, which infected the whole of their worship. Their hymns were always composed in melancholy affecting airs, and consisted of lamentations for the loss of Osiris, the mystic flight of Bacchus, the wanderings of Isis, and the sufferings of the Gods. Apuleius takes notice of this difference in the rites and worship of the two nations: <sup>6</sup> *Ægyptiaca numinum fana plena plan-  
goribus: Græca plerumque choreis.* Hence the author of the Orphic Argonautica, speaking of the initiations in Egypt, mentions,

<sup>7</sup> *Θρηνησ τ' Αιγυπτίων, και Οσιριδος ιερα χυτλα.*

<sup>4</sup> Phœnices post multos deinde annos, a Rege Ascaloniorum expugnati, navibus appulsi, Tyron urbem ante annum Trojanæ cladis condiderunt. Justin. L. 18. c. 3. See Isaiah. C. 23. v. 12. They enlarged Tyre: but it was a city before: for it is mentioned, Joshua. C. 19. v. 29. as the strong city Tyre.

<sup>5</sup> Porphyry de Abstinentiâ. L. 2. p. 158.

<sup>6</sup> Apuleius de genio Socratis.

<sup>7</sup> Argonautica. V. 32. See Clementis Cohortatio. P. 12.



The Canaanites at Byblus, Berytus, Sidon, and afterwards at Tyre, used particularly mournful dirges for the loss of Adonis, or Thamuz; who was the same as Thamas, and Osiris in Egypt. The Cretans had the like mournful hymns, in which they commemorated the grief of Apollo for the loss of Atymnius.

<sup>8</sup> Αἰλινὰ μελπείν,  
Ὅσα παρὰ Κρητέσσιν ἀναξ̣ ἐλιγαινεν Ἀπολλῶν,  
Δακρυχέων ἐρατεινὸν Ἀτυμνίον.

The measures and harmony of the Canaanites seem to have been very affecting, and to have made a wonderful impression on the minds of their audience. The infectious mode of worship prevailed so far, that the children of Israel were forbidden to weep, and make lamentation upon a festival: <sup>9</sup> *Εἶναι γὰρ ἑορτήν, καὶ μὴ δεῖν ἐν αὐτῇ κλαίειν, ἔ γὰρ ἐξεῖναι.* And Nehemiah gives the people a caution to the same purpose: <sup>10</sup> *This day is holy unto the Lord your God: mourn not, nor weep.* And Esdras counsels them in the same manner: <sup>11</sup> *This day is holy unto the Lord: be not sorrowful.* It is likewise in another place mentioned, that <sup>12</sup> *the Levites stilled all the people, saying, Hold your peace, for the day is holy: neither be ye grieved.* Such was the prohibition given to the Israelites: but among the Canaanites this shew of sorrow was encouraged, and made part of their <sup>13</sup> rites.

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<sup>8</sup> Nonni Dionysiaca. L. 19. p. 520.

<sup>9</sup> Joseph. Antiq. L. 11. c. 5. p. 563.

<sup>10</sup> Nehemiah. C. 8. v. 9.

<sup>11</sup> 1 Esdras. C. 9. v. 52, 53.

<sup>12</sup> Nehemiah. C. 8. v. 11.

Sanchoniathon alludes to the songs of Canaan, and their great sweetness, when:



The father of this people is represented in the Mosaic history, according to our version, Canaan : but there is reason to think that by the Egyptians and other neighbouring nations it was expressed Cnaan. This by the Greeks was rendered *Χναας*, and *Χνας*; and in later times *Χνα*, *Cna*.<sup>14</sup> *Χνα*, *ἔτιως ἡ Φοινίκη ἐκαλεῖτο—το ἔθνικον Χναος*. We are told by Philo from Sanchoniathon, that<sup>15</sup> Ifiris the Egyptian, who found out three letters, was the brother of Cna : by which is meant that Mizraim was the brother of Canaan. I have taken notice more than once of a particular term, *Υκ*, *Uc*; which has been passed over unnoticed by most writers : yet is to be found in the composition of many words ; especially such as are of Amonian original. The tribe of Cush was stiled by Manethon, before the passage was depraved, *Υκκουσος*. *Uch*, says this author, in the sacred language of Egypt signifies a<sup>16</sup> king. Hence it was conferred as a title upon the God Sehor, who, as we may infer from Manethon and<sup>17</sup> Hellanicus, was called *Ucfiris*, and *Icfiris*; but by the later Greeks the name was altered to *Ifiris* and *Osiris*. And not only the God Sehor, or Sehoris was so expressed ; but *Cnas*, or Canaan, had the same title, and was stiled *Uc-Cnas*, and

when he is in an allegorical manner speaking of Sidon ; whom he makes a person, and the inventress of harmony. *Απο δε Ποντε γινεται Σιδων, η καθ' υπερβολην ευφωνιας πρωτη υμνον φθης ευρεν*. Apud Euseb. P. E. Lib. i. c. 10. p. 38.

<sup>14</sup> Stephanus Byzant.

<sup>15</sup> Sanchoniathon apud Euseb. L. i. c. 10. p. 39.

<sup>16</sup> *Υκ καθ' ἱεραν γλωσσαν βασιλεα σημαινει*. Josephus contra Ap. L. i. c. 13. p. 445.

<sup>17</sup> *Osiris*, *Υσιρις*, according to Hellanicus. Plutarch. de Iside et Osiride.



the Gentile name or possessive was Uc-cnaos, *Υκ-κναος*: το *εθνικον γαρ Χναος*, as we learn from Stephanus. The Greeks, whose custom it was to reduce every foreign name to something similar in their own language, changed *Υκκναος* to *Κυκνειος*, Uc Cnaus to Cucneus; and from *Υκ Κνας* formed *Κυκνος*. Some traces of this word still remain, though almost effaced; and may be observed in the name of the Goddess Ichnaia. Instead of Uc-Cnaan the son of Ham, the Greeks have substituted this personage in the feminine, whom they have represented as the daughter of the Sun. She is mentioned in this light by Lycophron: <sup>18</sup> *Της Ἥλης θυγατρὸς Ἰχναιας βραβεύς*. They likewise changed Thamuz and Thamas of Canaan and Egypt to Themis a feminine; and called her Ichnaia Themis. She is so stiled by Homer.

<sup>19</sup> *Θεαὶ δ' ἔσαν ἐνδοθὶ πάσαι,*

*Ὅσσαι ἀρισταί ἑσαν, Διώνη τε, Πειή τε,*

*Ἰχναιή τε Θεμὶς, καὶ ἀγαστονος Ἀμφιτρίτη.*

*Ἰχναια* is here used adjectively. *Ἰχναια Θεμὶς* signifies Themis, or Thamuz, of <sup>20</sup> Canaan.

There was another circumstance, which probably assisted to carry on the mistake: a Canaanitish temple was called both Ca-Cnas, and Cu-Cnas; and adjectively <sup>21</sup> Cu-Cnaios; which terms there is reason to think, were rendered *Κυκνος*,

<sup>18</sup> Verse 129.

<sup>19</sup> Homer's Hymn to Apollo. V. 92.

<sup>20</sup> Ichnaia was a city in Sicily, and elsewhere.

*Ἀχναι πόλις Θεσσαλίας—ἐστὶ καὶ πόλις Βοιωτίας.* Steph. Byzant.

*Ἀχαχναίων ὄρος Ἀργείας.* Ibid. Ar-Achnaion is the hill of Canaan, or the Canaanitish mount.

<sup>21</sup> See Radicals. P. 89.



and ΚΥΚΝΕΙΟΣ. Besides all this, the swan was undoubtedly the insigne of Canaan, as the eagle and vulture were of Egypt, and the dove of Babylonia. It was certainly the hieroglyphic of the country. These were the causes which contributed to the framing many idle legends; such as the poets improved upon greatly. Hence it is observable, that wherever we may imagine any colonies from Canaan to have settled and to have founded temples, there is some story about swans: and the Greeks in alluding to their hymns, instead of *ΥΚΚΝΑΟΝ ΑΣΜΑ*, the musick of Canaan, have introduced *ΚΥΚΝΕΙΟΝ ΑΣΜΑ*, the singing of these birds: and instead of the death of Thamuz lamented by the Cucnaans, or priests, they have made the swans sing their own dirge, and foretell their own funeral. Wherever the Canaanites came they introduced their national worship: part of which, as I have shewn, consisted in chanting hymns to the honour of their country God. He was the same as Apollo of Greece: on which account Lucian, in compliance with the current notion, says, that the Cycni were formerly the assessors, and ministers of that Deity. By this we are to understand, that people of this denomination were in ancient times his priests. One part of the world, where this notion about swans prevailed, was in Liguria upon the banks of the Eridanus. Here Phaethon was supposed to have met with his downfall: and here his brother Cycnus underwent the metamorphosis, of which we have spoken. In these parts some Amonians settled very early; among whom it appears, that there were many from Canaan. They may be traced by the  
mighty



mighty works, which they carried on : for they drained the river towards its mouth ; and formed some vast canals, called *Fossæ Philistinæ*. Pliny speaking of the entrance into the Eridanus says, <sup>22</sup> *Inde ostia plana, Carbonaria, ac fossiones Philistinæ, quod alii Tartarum vocant : omnia ex Philistinæ fossæ abundatione nascentia*. These canals were undoubtedly the work of the Canaanites, and particularly of some of the Caphtorim, who came from Philistim : and from hence these outlets of the river were named *Philistinæ*. The river betrays its original in its name : for it has no relation to the Celtic language ; but is apparently of Egyptian or Canaanitish etymology. This is manifest from the terms, of which it is made up : for it is compounded of *Ur-Adon*, five *Orus Adonis* ; and was sacred to the God of that name. The river simply, and out of composition was *Adon*, or *Adonis* : and it is to be observed, that this is the name of one of the principal rivers in Canaan. It ran near the city *Biblus*, where the death of *Thamuz* was particularly lamented. It is a circumstance taken notice of by many authors ; and most pathetically described by Milton.

<sup>23</sup> *Thammuz came next behind,  
Whose annual wound in Lebanon allur'd  
The Syrian damsels to lament his fate  
In amorous ditties all a summer's day :  
While smooth Adonis from his native rock  
Ran purple to the sea; suppos'd with blood  
Of Thammuz yearly wounded.*

<sup>22</sup> Pliny. L. 3. p. 173.

<sup>23</sup> Milton. *Paradise Lost*. L. 1. v. 445. See also Ezekiel. C. 8. v. 14.



It is said, that the Eridanus was so called first by <sup>24</sup> Pherecydes Syrus: and that my etymology is true, may in great measure be proved from the <sup>25</sup> Scholiast upon Aratus. He shews, that the name was of Egyptian original, at least consonant to the language of Egypt; for it was the same as the Nile. It is certain, that it occurred in the ancient sphere of Egypt, from whence the Grecians received it. The great effusion of water in the celestial sphere, which Aratus says was the Nile, is still called the Eridanus: and as the name was of oriental original, the purport of it must be looked for among the people of those parts. The river Strymon in Thrace was supposed to abound with swans, as much as the Eridanus: and the ancient name of this river was Palæstinus. It was so called from the Amonians, who settled here under the name of Adonians, and who founded the city Adonis. They were by the later Greeks stiled after the Ionic manner Edonians, and their city Edonis. <sup>26</sup> Στρυμων ποταμος εστι της Θρακης κατα πολιν Ηδωνιδα, προσηγουμετο δε προτερον Παλαιστινος. *The Strymon is a river of Thrace, which runs by the city Edonis: it was of old called the river Palæstinus.* In these places, and in all others, where any of the Canaanites settled, the Grecians have introduced some story about swans.

Some of them seem to have gained access at Delphi: as

<sup>24</sup> Hyginus. Fab. 154. P. 266. not. 7.

Ἄτεροι δὲ φασὶ, δικαιότατον αὐτὸν εἶναι Νεῖλον. Eratosthenes. Catasterism. 37.

<sup>25</sup> Καλεῖται δὲ ὑπὸ τῶν ἐγχωρίων Εὐχερῆνος. Αἰγυπτίῳ δὲ φασὶ Νεῖλον εἶναι τὸν κατηγήρισμενον. Scholia in Aratum. P. 48.

<sup>26</sup> Plutarch de Fluminibus. Vol. 2. p. 1154.



did likewise others from Egypt : and by such was that oracle first founded. Egypt among other names was called Ait, and Ai Ait, by the Greeks expressed *Αετία* : <sup>27</sup> *Εκληθη δε—και ΑΕΤΙΑ*. The natives in consequence of it were called *Αετιοι*, and *Αεται* ; which was interpreted eagles. Hence we are told by Plutarch, that some of the feathered kind, either eagles or swans, came from the remote parts of the earth, and settled at Delphi. <sup>28</sup> *Αετους τινας, η Κυκνους, ω Τερεντιανε Πρισκε, μυθολογουν απο των ακρων της γης επι το μεσον φερομενους εις ταυτο συμπεσειν Πυθοι περι του καλεμενου ομφαλου*. These eagles and swans undoubtedly relate to colonies from Egypt and Canaan. I recollect but one philosopher stiled Cygnus : and, what is remarkable, he was of Canaan. Antiochus the Academic, mentioned by Cicero in his philosophical works, and also by <sup>29</sup> Strabo, was of Ascalon in Palestine, and he was surnamed Cygnus, the swan : which name, as it is so circumstanced, must, I think, necessarily allude to this country.

As in early times colonies went by the name of the Deity, whom they worshiped ; or by the name of the insigne, and hieroglyphic, under which their country was denoted ; every

<sup>27</sup> Eustathius in Dionysium. V. 239. See Steph. Byzant. *Αιγυπτος*.

<sup>28</sup> Plutarch *περι των εκλελοιπτων χρηστηριων*. Vol. 1. p. 409.

<sup>29</sup> Strabo. L. 16. p. 1101. There was supposed to have been a person in Thessaly named Cycnus, the son of Apollo. He lived upon a lake Uria ; which was so called from his mother.

*Inde lacus Hyries vider, et Cynëia Tempe;*

*Quæ subitus celebravit olor.* Ovid. *Metam.* L. 7. v. 371.

Uria was also a river in Boeotia : and here was a Cycnus, said to have been the son of Poseidon. Pausan. L. 10. p. 831.



depredation made by such people was placed to the account of the Deity under such a device. This was the manner in which poets described things : and in those days all wrote in measure. Hence, instead of saying that the Egyptians, or Canaanites, or Tyrians, landed and carried off such and such persons ; they said, that it was done by Jupiter in the shape of an eagle, or a swan, or a bull : substituting an eagle for Egypt, a swan for Canaan, and a bull for the city of <sup>30</sup> Tyre. It is said of the Telchines, who were Amonian priests, that they came to Attica under the conduct of Jupiter in the shape of an eagle.

<sup>31</sup> ΑΙΕΤΟΣ ἡγεμονεψε δι' αἰθερος ἀντιτύπος Ζεὺς.

By which is meant, that they were Egyptian priests ; and an eagle was probably the device in their standard, as well as the insigne of their nation.

Some of the same family were to be found among the Atlantes of Mauritania ; and are represented as having the shape of swans. Prometheus in Æschylus speaks of them in the commission, which he gives to Io, <sup>32</sup> *You must go*, says he, *as*

<sup>30</sup> Ἐραδεντα δὲ Πάσιφανς Δία γενεῖσθαι μὲν Ταύρον· τὸν δὲ αἶετον καὶ κυκνον. Porphyry de Abstin. L. 3. p. 285.

Πῶς νῦν ἐκεῖνος ὁ αἶετος ; πῶς δαὶ ὁ κυκνος ; πῶς δαὶ αὐτὸς ὁ Ζεὺς. Clemens. Alex. Cohort. P. 31.

<sup>31</sup> Nonni Dionysiaca. L. 24. p. 626.

<sup>32</sup> Πρὸς Γοργονείᾳ πεδία Κιθέρης, ἵνα

Ἄι φορκίδες ναιῶσι, δῆναισι κοραί,

Τρεῖς κυκνομορφοί, κοινὸν οἰμ' ἐκτῆμεναι. Æschyli Prometheus. P. 48.

Ἄι μὲν φορκίδες τρεῖς—εἰχονεῖδος Κυκνῶν. Scholia ibidem.

Φορκὺν γὰρ ἀνὴρ Κυρηναῖος· οἷδε Κυρηναῖοι κατὰ γένος μὲν εἰσὶν Αἰθιοπες. Palæphatus. Edit. Elz. P. 76.



*far as the city Cisthene in the Gorgonian plains, where the three Phorcides reside, those ancient venerable ladies, who are in the shape of swans, and have but one eye ; of which they make use in common.* This history relates to an Amonian temple founded in the extreme parts of Africa : in which there were three priestesses of Canaanitish race ; who on that account are said to be in the shape of swans. The notion of their having but one eye among them took its rise from an hieroglyphic very common in Egypt, and probably in Canaan : this was the representation of an eye, which was said to be engraved upon the pediment of their <sup>33</sup> temples. As the land of Canaan lay so opportunely for traffic, and the emigrants from most parts went under their conduct, their history was well known. They navigated the seas very early, and were necessarily acquainted with foreign regions ; to which they must at one time have betaken themselves in great numbers, when they fled before the sons of Israel. In all the places, where they settled, they were famous for their hymns and musick : all which the Greeks have transferred to birds ; and supposed, that they were swans, who were gifted with this harmony. Yet, sweet as their notes are said to have been, there is not, I believe, a person upon record, who was ever a witness to it. It is certainly all a fable. When therefore Plutarch tells us,

<sup>33</sup> Ταυτα ωτα, και της οφθαλμους οι δημιουργοντες εξ ολης τιμιας καθιερασι, τοις θεοις ανατιθεντες εις της νεωσ τετο δηπε ανισσομενοι, ως παντα θεος ορα, και ακουει. Clemens Alexand. L. 5. p. 671.

See Diodorus L. 3. p. 145. This may have been one reason among others, why the Cyclopians and Arimaspians are represented with one eye : τον μουνωπα τριγυτον Αριμασπον. Æschylus Prometh. P. 49. The Arimaspiian history was written by Aristeus Proconnesius, and stiled Αριμασπεια επη.



that Apollo was pleased with the musick of swans, <sup>34</sup> *μυσική τε ἡδεταί, καὶ κυκνῶν φωναίς*; and when Æschylus mentions their singing their own dirges; they certainly allude to Egyptian and Canaanitish priests, who lamented the death of Adon, and Osiris. And this could not be entirely a secret to the Grecians: for they seem often to refer to some such notion. Socrates termed swans his fellow-servants: in doing which he alluded to the ancient priests, stiled Cycni. They were people of the choir, and officiated in the temples of the same Deities; whose servant he professed himself to be. Hence Porphyry assures us, <sup>35</sup> *Οὐ παιζῶν ὁμοθελες αὐτὸς ἐλέγεν τὰς κυκνὰς (Σωκράτης)*, *that Socrates was very serious, when he mentioned swans as his fellow-servants.* When therefore Aristophanes speaks of the <sup>36</sup> Delian and Pythian swans, they are the priests of those places, to whom he alludes. And when it is said by Plato, that the soul of Orpheus out of disgust to womankind led the life of a <sup>37</sup> swan; the meaning certainly is, that he retired from the world to some cloister, and lived a life of celibacy, like a priest. For the priests of many countries, but particularly of Egypt, were recluses; and devoted themselves to <sup>38</sup> celibacy: hence monkery came originally from Egypt. Lycophron, who was of Egypt, and skilled in ancient terms, stiles Calchas, who was the priest of Apollo, a swan. <sup>39</sup> *Μολοσσὲς κυπεῶς κοίτῃ*

<sup>34</sup> Plutarch. *El.* Vol. 2. p. 387.

<sup>35</sup> Porph. de Abst. L. 3. p. 286.

<sup>36</sup> Aristophanes. *Aves.* Κυκνῶ Πυθίῳ καὶ Δηλίῳ. V. 870.

<sup>37</sup> Plato de Republicâ. L. 10. p. 620. vol. 2.

<sup>38</sup> Porph. de Abstin. L. 4. p. 364.

<sup>39</sup> Lycophron. V. 426. Scholia. Ibidem.



κυκνον. These epithets, the Scholiast tells us, belong to Apollo; and Calchas is called a swan, *δια το γηραιον, και μαντικον* : *because he was an old prophet, and priest*. Hence at the first institution of the rites of Apollo, which is termed the birth of the Deity, at Delos, it is said, that many swans came from the coast of Asia; and went round the island for the space of seven days.

40 ΚΥΚΝΟΙ ΔΕ ΘΕΣ ΜΕΛΠΟΝΤΕΣ ΑΟΙΔΟΙ  
ΜΗΝΙΟΝ ΠΑΚΤΩΛΟΝ ΕΚΥΚΛΩΣΑΝΤΟ ΛΙΠΟΝΤΕΣ  
Ἑβδομακίς περὶ Δῆλον\* ἐπείσαν δὲ λοχείῃ  
Μουσαῶν ορνίθες, αοιδοτάτοι πετεηνῶν.

The whole of this relates to a choir of priests, who came over to settle at Delos, and to serve in the new erected temple. They circled the island seven times, because seven of old was looked upon as a mysterious and sacred number.

41 Ἑβδομη εἰν ἀγαθοῖς, καὶ ἑβδομη εἰς γενεθλῇ.  
Ἑβδομη ἐν πρῶτοις, καὶ ἑβδομη εἰς τελείῃ.  
Ἑβδοματῇ δὴ οἱ τετελεσμένα πάντα τετυκται.  
Ἑπτα δὲ πάντα τετυκται ἐν οὐρανῷ ἀσεροεντι.

The birds in the island of Diomedes, which were said to have been originally companions of that hero, were undoubtedly priests, and of the same race as those, of whom I have been treating. They are represented as gentle to good men, and averse to those who are bad. Ovid describes their shape,

40 Callimachus. Hymn to Delos. V. 249.

41 Fragmenta Lini. Ex Aristobulo. See Poësis Philosop. H. Steph. P. 112.  
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and appearance, <sup>42</sup> Ut non cygnorum, sic albis proxima cygnis; which, after what has been said, may I think be easily understood.

If then the harmony of swans, when spoken of, not only related to something quite foreign, but in reality did not of itself exist, it may appear wonderful that the ancients should so universally give into the notion. For not only the poets, but <sup>43</sup> Plato, Plutarch, Cicero, Pliny, with many others of high rank, speak of it as a circumstance well known. But it is to be observed, that none of them speak from their own experience: nor are they by any means consistent in what they say. Some mention this singing as a general faculty; which was exerted at all times: others limit it to particular seasons, and to particular places. Aristotle seems to confine it to the seas of <sup>44</sup> Africa: <sup>45</sup> Aldrovandus says, that it may be heard upon the Thames near London. The account given by Aristotle is very remarkable. He says, that mariners, whose course lay through the Libyan sea, have often met with swans, and heard them singing in a melancholy strain: and upon a nearer approach, they could perceive that some of them were dying, from whom the harmony proceeded. Who would have expected to have

<sup>42</sup> Ovid. Metamorph. L. 14. v. 509.

<sup>43</sup> Plato in Phædone. Vol. 1. p. 84. Plutarch. in El. V. 2. p. 387.

Cicero Tusc. Quæst. L. 1. Pliny. L. x. c. 23.

Ælian de Animal. L. 2. c. 32. L. x. c. 36.

Philostratus. Vita Apollon. L. 3. c. 23.

<sup>44</sup> De Animalibus. L. 9. Καὶ τινες καὶ πολλοὶ παρὰ τὴν Λιβυκὴν περὶ τὴν θάλατταν πολλοὺς αἰῶνας φωνὴν ᾄδουσι καὶ τούτων ἔκρω ἀποθνήσκοντες εἰς. Vol. 2. p. 423.

<sup>45</sup> See Brown's Vulgar Errors. L. 3. c. 27.



found swans swimming in the salt sea, in the midst of the Mediterranean? There is nothing that a Grecian would not devise in support of a favourite error. The legend from beginning to end is groundless: and though most speak of the musick of swans as exquisite; yet some absolutely deny<sup>46</sup> the whole of it; and others are more moderate in their commendations. The watermen in Lucian give the preference to a jackdaw: but Antipater in some degree dissents, and thinks that the swan has the advantage.

<sup>47</sup> Λωιτερος κυκνων μικρος θεος, ηε κολοιων

Κρωγμος.

And Lucretius confesses, that the screaming of a crane is not quite so pleasing:

<sup>48</sup> Parvus ut est, Cygni melior canor, ille gruum quam  
Clamor:

Which however is paying them no great compliment. To these respectable personages I must add the evidence of a modern; one too of no small repute, even the great Scaliger. He says, that he made a strict scrutiny about this affair, when in Italy; and the result of his observations was this:  
<sup>49</sup> Ferrariæ multos (cygnos) vidimus, sed cantores sane malos, neque melius anserere canere.

<sup>46</sup> Ὁ δὲ Μυρδῖος φησιν Ἀλεξάνδρος πολλοῖς τελευτῶσι παρακολυθησας ἐκ ἀκυσσῶν αἰδοντῶν. Athenæus. L. 9. c. 11.

<sup>47</sup> Epigram. in Erinnam. L. 3. p. 280. H. Steph.

<sup>48</sup> Lucretius. L. 4. v. 182.

<sup>49</sup> See Vossius de Idol. Vol. 2. l. 3. c. 88. p. 1212. and Pierius de Cygnis. P. 254.



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T E M P L E S C I E N C E.

**T**H E Egyptians were very famous for geometrical knowledge: and as all the flat part of their country was annually overflowed, it is reasonable to suppose that they made use of this science to determine their lands, and to make out their several claims, at the retreat of the waters. Many indeed have thought, that the confusion of property, which must for a while have prevailed, gave birth to practical geometry, in order to remedy the evil: and in consequence of it, that charts and maps were first delineated in this country. These, we may imagine, did not relate only to private demesnes: but included also the course of the Nile in its various branches; and all the sea coast, and its inlets, with which lower Egypt was bounded.

It is very certain, that the people of Colchis, who were a colony from Egypt, had charts of this sort, with written descriptions of the seas and shores, whithersoever they traded: and they at one time carried on a most extensive

<sup>1</sup> Herod. L. 2. c. 109.

Γεωμετρίας τε αὐτὴν ἐκείνην γεγονόσιν (οἱ Αἰγυπτίοι.) Clemens. Strom. L. 1. p. 361.



commerce. We are told, says the <sup>2</sup> Scholiast upon Apollonius, that the Colchians still retain the laws and customs of their forefathers : and they have pillars of stone, upon which are engraved maps of the continent, and of the ocean : *Εἰσι δὲ, φησι, καὶ νομοὶ παρ' αὐτοῖς τῶν Προγόνων, καὶ Στήλαι, ἐν αἷς γῆς καὶ θαλάσσης ἀναγραφαὶ εἰσι.* The poet, upon whom the above writer has commented, calls these pillars, *κυρβεῖς* : which, we are told, were of a square figure, like obelisks : and on these, he says, were delineated all the passages of the sea ; and the boundaries of every country upon the earth.

<sup>3</sup> *Οἱ δὴ τοὶ γραπτὰς πατέρων ἔθεν εἰρυνονται  
Κυρβεας, οἷς ἐνὶ πασαι ὁδοί, καὶ πειρατ' εἰσιν.  
Υἱὸς τε, τραφευῆς τε, περιξ' ἐπινεισσομένοισιν.*

These delineations had been made of old, and transmitted to the Colchians by their forefathers ; which forefathers were from <sup>4</sup> Egypt.

If then the Colchians had this science, we may presume that their mother country possessed it in as eminent a degree : and we are assured, that they were very knowing in this article. Clemens Alexandrinus <sup>5</sup> mentions, that there were maps of Egypt, and charts of the Nile very early. And we are moreover told, that Sesostris (by which is meant the

<sup>2</sup> L. 4. v. 279.

<sup>3</sup> Apollonius Rhodius. L. 4. v. 279.

<sup>4</sup> Dionys. Περιηγησις. V. 688.

<sup>5</sup> Clem. Alexand. speaks *Περὶ τε τῆς Κοσμογραφίας καὶ Γεωγραφίας κτλ.—Χωρογραφίας τε τῆς Αἰγυπτῶ, καὶ τῆς τῆ Νεῖλου διαγραφῆς.* Strom. 6. p. 757.

Sethiofians)



Sethofians) drew upon boards schemes of all the countries, which he had traversed : and copies of these were given both to <sup>6</sup> the Egyptians, and to the Scythians, who held them in high estimation. This is a curious account of the first delineation of countries, and origin of Maps ; which were first described upon <sup>7</sup> pillars. We may from hence be enabled to solve the enigma concerning Atlas, who is said to have supported the heavens upon his shoulders. This took its rise from some verses in Homer, which have been strangely misconstrued. The passage is in the *Odyssy* ; where the poet is speaking of Calypso, who is said to be the daughter of Atlas, *ολοοφρονος*, a person of deep and recondite knowledge :

<sup>8</sup> Ατλαντος θυγατρὸς ολοοφρονος, ὅστε θάλασσης  
Πασης βενθεα οἶδεν, ἐχει δὲ τε ΚΙΟΝΑΣ αὐτος  
Μακρας, αἱ Γαίαν τε καὶ Οὐρανὸν ἀμφὶς ἐχουσιν.

It is to be observed, that when the ancients speak of the feats of Hercules, we are to understand the Herculeans ; under the name of Cadmus is meant the Cadmians ; under that of Atlas, the Atlantians. With this allowance how plain are the words of Homer ! The <sup>9</sup> Atlantians settled in Phrygia and Mauritania ; and, like the Colchians, were of the

<sup>6</sup> Σέσωτρίς δὲ, φασιν, ὁ Αἰγυπτίος, πολλὴν περιεληλυθὼς γῆν πινάξει τε δεῖξαι τὴν περίοδον, καὶ τῆς τῶν πινάκων ἀναγραφῆς οὐκ Αἰγυπτίοις μόνον, ἀλλὰ καὶ Σκυθαῖς εἰς θαυμά μεταδούσαι ἤξιωσεν. Eustath. Præf. Epist. to Dionys. P. 12.

<sup>7</sup> Ægyptios primos omnium tam cœlum quam terram esse dimensos : ejusque rei scientiam columnis incisam ad posteros propagasse. Petavii Uranologia. P. 121, taken from Achilles Tatius.

<sup>8</sup> Homer. *Odyss.* L. α. v. 52.

<sup>9</sup> The Atlantians were stiled Οὐρανίωνες, or sons of heaven. The head of the family was supposed to be the brother of Saturn. Diodorus. L. 3. p. 193.



family of Ham. They had great experience in sea affairs: and the poet tells us, that they knew all the soundings in the great deep.

Εχει δε τε Κιονας αυτος

Μακρας, αι Γαιην τε και Ουρανον αμφις εχουσιν.

*They had also long pillars, or obelisks, which referred to the sea; and upon which was delineated the whole system both of heaven and earth; αμφις, all around; both on the front of the obelisk, and on the other sides. Κιονες Κοσμος were certainly maps, and histories of the universe; in the knowledge of which the Atlantians seem to have instructed their brethren the Herculeans. The Grecians in their accounts, by putting one person for a people, have rendered the history obscure; which otherwise would be very intelligible. There is a passage in Eusebius, which may be rendered very plain, and to the purpose, if we make use of the clue above-mentioned. Ὁ Ἡεροδοτος δε λεγει τον Ηρακλεα μαντιν και φυσικου γενομενον παρα Ατλαντος τε Βαβαρα τε Φρυγος διαδεχεσθαι τας τε Κοσμος Κιονας. This may be paraphrased in the following manner; and with such latitude will be found perfectly consonant to the truth. The Herculeans were a people much given to divination, and to the study of nature. Great part of their knowledge they are thought to have had transmitted to them from those Atlantians, who settled in Phrygia; especially the history of the earth and heavens; for all such knowledge the Atlantians had of old consigned to pillars and obelisks in that country: and from them it was derived to the*

<sup>1</sup> Euseb. Ἱστοριων συναγωγη. P. 374. c. 2.



*Herculeans, or Heraclidæ, of Greece.* The Atlantians were esteemed by the Grecians as barbarous : but they were in reality of the same family. Their chief ancestor was the father of the Peleiadæ, or Ionim ; of whom I shall hereafter have much to say : and was the supposed brother of Saturn. The Hellenes, though they did not always allow it, were undoubtedly of his race. This may be proved from Diodorus Siculus; who gives this curious history of the Peleiadæ, his offspring.

10 Ταυτας δε μιγειςας τοις ευφροεστατοις Ἡρωσι και Θεοις αρχηγους κατασθηναι τας πλειους γενους των ανθρωπων, τεκνους τας δι' αρετην Θεους και Ἡρωας ονομαθεντας.—Παραπλησεως δε και τας αλλας Ατλαντιδας γεννησαι παιδας επιφανεις, ων τας μεν εθνων, τας δε πολεων γενεσθαι κτισας διοπερ ε. μονον παρ' ενιοις των Βαρβαρων, αλλα και παρα τοις Ἑλλησι τας πλειους των αρχαιοτατων Ἡρων εις ταυτας αναφερειν το γενος. *These daughters of Atlas, by their connections and marriages with the most illustrious heroes, and divinities, may be looked up to as the heads of most families upon earth: And from them proceeded all those, who upon account of their eminence were in aftertimes esteemed Gods and Heroes. And having spoken of Maia, and her offspring, the author proceeds to tell us, that the other Atlantides in like manner gave birth to a most noble race : some of whom were the founders of nations ; and others the builders of cities : insomuch that most of the more ancient heroes, not only of those abroad, who were esteemed Barbari, but even of the Helladians, claimed their ancestry from them. And they received not only their ancestry,*



but their knowledge also, *τε κοσμος κιονας*; all the celestial and terrestrial phænomena, which had been entrusted to the sacred pillars of the Atlantes, *αἱ γαῖαν τε καὶ ἔρانون ἀμφὶς ἔχουσι*, which contained descriptions both of the heavens, and the earth. From Phrygia they came at last to Hellas, where they were introduced by Anaximander, who is said, <sup>11</sup> *Ἔσθεναι πρῶτον γεογραφικὸν πίνακα*, *to have been the first who introduced a geographical chart*: or, as Laertius expresses it, <sup>12</sup> *Γῆς καὶ Θάλαττης περιμετρον*, *the circumference of the terraqueous globe delineated*.

Though the origin of maps may be deduced from Egypt; yet they were not the native Egyptians, by whom they were first constructed. Delineations of this nature were the contrivance of the Cuthites, or Shepherds. They were among other titles stiled Saïtæ; and from them both astronomy and geometry were introduced in those parts. They with immense labour drained the lower provinces, erected stupendous buildings, and raised towers at the mouths of the river, which were opportunely situated for navigation. For though the Mizraim were not addicted to commerce, yet it was followed by other families besides the Cuthites, who occupied the lower provinces towards the sea. The towers, which were there raised, served for lighthouses, and were at the same time temples, denominated from some title of the Deity, such as Canoph, Caneph, Cneph, also Perfes, Proteus, Phanes, and Canobus. They were on both accounts much

<sup>11</sup> Strabo. L. i. p. 13.

<sup>12</sup> Diog. Laert. Anaximander.



resorted to by mariners, and enriched with offerings. Here were deposited charts of the coast, and of the navigation of the Nile, which were engraved on pillars, and in aftertimes sketched out upon the Nilotic Papyrus. There is likewise reason to think, that they were sometimes delineated upon walls. This leads me to take notice of a passage from Pherecydes Syrus, which seems to allude to something of this nature: though, I believe, in his short detail that he has misrepresented the author, from whom he copied. He is said by Theopompus <sup>13</sup> *πρωτον περὶ τῆς φύσεως, καὶ Θεῶν, Ἑλληνιστὶ γράφειν, to have been the first who wrote for the benefit of his countrymen about nature and the Gods.* Suidas <sup>14</sup> mentions, that he composed a theogony; all which knowledge we are assured came from Egypt. It is certain, that he studied in that <sup>15</sup> country; whence we may conclude, that the following history is Egyptian. He says, that Zas, or Jupiter, composed a large and curious robe, upon which he described the earth, and the ocean, and the habitations upon the ocean. <sup>16</sup> *Ζας ποιεῖ φάρος μέγα τε, καὶ κάλον, καὶ ἐν αὐτῷ ποικιλλεῖ Ἴην, καὶ Ωγήνον, καὶ τὰ Ωγήνης δώματα.* Now Zas, or as it should be rendered, Zan, was the Dorian title of Amor. And Ogenus, the Ocean, was the most ancient name of the Nile, from whence the Grecians borrowed their Oceanus.

<sup>17</sup> *Οἱ γὰρ Αἰγυπτιοὶ νομίζουσιν ὠκεανὸν εἶναι τὸν παρ' αὐτοῖς πο-*

<sup>13</sup> Laertius. L. 1. p. 74.

<sup>14</sup> In Pherecyde.

<sup>15</sup> Josephus cont. Apion. L. 1. c. 2.

<sup>16</sup> Clemens. Strom. L. 6. p. 741.

<sup>17</sup> Diodorus Sic. L. 1. p. 12.



ταμον Νειλον. *The Egyptians by the term Oceanus understand their own river Nilus.* The same author in another place calls this river Oceames<sup>18</sup>. Τον δὲ ποταμον αρχαιοτατον μεν ονομασχειν Ωκεαμην, ὅς ἐστιν Ἑλληνισι ωκεανος. The former term, Ogenus, from whence the Greeks borrowed their Oceanus, was a compound of Oc-Gehon, and was originally rendered Ogehonus. It signifies the noble Gehon, and is a name taken from one of the rivers of Paradise. The Nile was sometimes called simply Gehon, as we learn from the author of the Chronicon Paschale.<sup>19</sup> Ἐχει δὲ (ἡ Αἰγυπτος) ποταμον Γηων — Νειλον καλεσμενον. It was probably a name given by the Cuthites, from whom, as will be hereafter shewn, the river Indus had the name of Phison.<sup>20</sup> Ποταμοι ονομαστοι Ινδος, ὁ καὶ Φεισων, Νειλος, ὁ καὶ Γηων. *The two most celebrated rivers are the Indus, the same as the Phison, and the Nile, which is called the Gebon.* The river also of Colchis, rendered Phasis, and Phasin, was properly the Phison. The Nile being of old stiled Oc-Gehon, and having many branches, or arms, gave rise to the fable of the sea monster Ægeon, whom Ovid represents as supporting himself upon the whales of the ocean.

<sup>21</sup> Balænarumque prementem  
Ægæona suis immania terga lacertis.

<sup>18</sup> Diodorus. L. 1. p. 17.

<sup>19</sup> P. 30.

<sup>20</sup> Chron. Paschale. P. 34. Zonaras. P. 16.

See Salmasius upon Solinus. C. 35. concerning Ogen. Also Windelini Admiranda Nili. P. 12. and 16.

<sup>21</sup> Metamorph. L. 2. v. 9.



The Scholiast upon Lycophron informs us farther, that the river had three names ; and imagines, that upon this account it was called Triton. <sup>21</sup> Τριτων ὁ Νειλος, ὅτι τρεις μετωνομαθῆ· πρότερον γὰρ Ωκεανος αὖ ἐκαλεῖτο, δεύτερον Αἴτος· —το δὲ Νειλος νέον ἐστὶ. I shall not at present controvert his etymology. Let it suffice, that we are assured both by this author, and by others, that the Nile was called Oceanus : and what is alluded to by Pherecydes is certainly a large map or chart. The robe, of which he speaks, was indeed a Pharos, Φαρος ; but a Pharos of a different nature from that which he describes. It was a building, a temple, which was not constructed by the Deity, but dedicated to him. It was one of those towers, of which I have before treated ; in which were described upon the walls, and otherwise delineated, Ωγενος καὶ Ωγενε δώματα, the course of the Gehon, or Nile ; and the towns, and houses upon that river.

I imagine that the shield of Achilles in Homer was copied from something of this sort, which the Poet had seen in Egypt. For Homer is continually alluding to the customs, as well as to the history, of that kingdom. And it is evident, that what he describes on the central part of the shield, is a map of the earth, and of the celestial appearances.

<sup>22</sup> Ἐν μὲν Γαίαν ἐτευξ', ἐν δ' Οὐρανόν, ἐν δὲ Θάλασσαν.

Ἐν δ' ἐτίθει ΠΟΤΑΜΟΙΟ μέγα θένος ΩΚΕΑΝΟΙΟ.

The ancients loved to wrap up every thing in mystery and

<sup>21</sup> V. 119.

<sup>22</sup> Iliad. L. 18. v. 483. and v. 606.



fable : they have therefore described Hercules also with a robe of this sort :

<sup>23</sup> Ποικίλον ἔμπα φέρων, τυπὸν Αἰθέρος, εἰκόνα Κόσμου :

*He was invested with a robe, which was a type of the heavens, and a representation of the whole world.*

The garment of Thetis, which the poets mention as given her upon her supposed marriage with Peleus, was a Pharos of the same kind, as that described above. We may learn from Catullus, who copied the story, that the whole alluded to an historical picture preserved in some tower : and that it referred to matters of great antiquity ; though applied by the Greeks to later times, and ascribed to people of their own nation.

<sup>24</sup> Pulvinar vero Divæ geniale locatur

Sedibus in mediis ; Indo quod dente politum

Tincta tegit roseo conchylis purpura fuco.

Hæc vestis priscis hominum variata figuris

Heroum mirâ virtutes indicat arte.

It contained a description of some notable achievements in the first ages : and a particular account of the Apotheosis of Ariadne ; who is described, whatever may be the meaning of it, as carried by Bacchus to heaven. The story is said to have been painted on a robe, or coverlet ; because it was delineated upon a Pharos : that word being equivocal, and to be taken in either sense. And here I cannot but take notice of the inconsistency of the Greeks, who make Theseus a partaker in this history ; and suppose him to have been ac-

<sup>23</sup> Nonni Dionus. L. 40. p. 1040.

<sup>24</sup> Catull. Epithalamium of Peleus and Thetis. V. 47.



quainted with Ariadne. If we may credit Plutarch<sup>25</sup>, Theseus, as soon as he was advanced towards manhood, went by the advice of his mother Æthra from Trœzen in quest of his father Ægeus at Athens. This was some years after the Argonautic expedition; when Medea had left Jason, and put herself under the protection of this same Ægeus. After having been acknowledged by his father, Theseus went upon his expedition to Crete; where he is said to have first seen Ariadne, and to have carried her away. All this, I say, was done, after Jason had married Medea, and had children by her: and after she had left him, and was come to Athens. But the story of Ariadne in the above specimen is mentioned as a fact of far older date. It was prior to the arrival of Medea in Greece, and even to the Argonautic expedition. It is spoken of as a circumstance of the highest antiquity: consequently<sup>26</sup> Theseus could not any ways be concerned in it.

There is an account in Nonnus of a Robe or Pharos, which Harmonia is supposed to have worn, when she was visited by the Goddess of beauty. There was delineated here, as in some above mentioned, the earth, and the heavens, with all the stars. The sea too, and the rivers were represented: and the whole was at the bottom surrounded by the ocean.

<sup>25</sup> Plutarch. Life of Theseus.

<sup>26</sup> Add to this, what I have before taken notice of, the great absurdity of making the Grecian Argo the first ship which sailed upon the seas: *Illa rudem cursu prima imbuit Amphitriten*: when the Poet at the same instant is describing Theseus previous to the Argo *in a ship*, and attended with a *fleet of ships*.

Namque fluentifono prospectans littore Diæ

Thesea cedentem celeri cum classe tuetur,

Indomitos in codre gerens Ariadna furores.

Catulli. Epithal. Pel. et Thet. V. 52. See Famiani Stradæ Prolus. L. 3.



<sup>27</sup> Πρωτην Γαίαν επασσε μεσομφαλον, αμφι δε γαιη.  
 Ουρανον εσφαιρωσε τυπω κεχαραγμενον αςρων.  
 Συμφερτην δε θαλασσαν εφηρμοσε συζυγι Γαιη,  
 Και ποταμους ποικιλλεν· επ' ανδρομεω δε μετωπω  
 Ταυροφυης μορφουτο κερασφορος εγχλοος εικων.  
 Και πυματην παρα πεζαν ευκλωσοιο χιτωνος  
 Ωκεανος κυκλωσε περιδρομον αντυγα Κοσμος.

All this relates to a painting either at Sidon or Berytus ; which was delineated in a tower or temple, sacred to Hermon.

Orpheus alludes to a Pharos of this sort, and to the paintings and furniture of it, in his description of the Robes, with which Apollo, or Dionusus, is invested. He speaks of them as the same Deity.

<sup>28</sup> Ταυτα δε παντα τελειν ιερα σκευη πυκασαντα,  
 Σωμα θες πλαττειν εριαυγους Ηελιοιο.  
 Πρωτα μεν αργυφειαις εναλιγκιον ακτινεσσι  
 Πεπλον φοινικεον, πυρι εικελον, αμφιβαλεδαι.  
 Αυταρ υπερθε νεβροιο παναιολε ευρυ καθαψαι  
 Δερμα πολυσικτον θηρος κατα δεξιον ωμον,  
 Αςρων δαιδαλεων μιμημ, ιερα τε πολιοιο.  
 Ειτα δ' υπερθε νεβρης χρυσεον ζωστηρα βαλεδαι,  
 Παμφανωπτα, περιξ σεβνων φορεειν, μεγα σημα.  
 Ευθυς, οτ' εκ περατων γαιης Φαεθων ανορχσων.  
 Χρυσειαις ακτισι βαλη ροον Ωκεανοιο,

<sup>27</sup> Nonni Dionysiaca. L. 41. p. 1070.

<sup>28</sup> Orphica ex Macrobio Saturn. L. 1. c. 18. p. 202.



Αὐγὴ δ' ἀσπετος ἦ, ἀνα δὲ δροσῷ ἀμφιμυγείσα,  
 Μαρμαίρῃ δινῆσιν ἐλίσσομένη κατὰ κυκλὸν  
 Πρὸ δὲ θεῶ, ζῶνῃ δ' ἄρ' ὑπο σερπῶν ἀμετρητῶν  
 Φαίνεται ἄρ' ὠκεανὸς κυκλὸς, μέγα θαυμ' εἰδεῖσθαι.

When the Poet has thus adorned the Deity, we find towards the conclusion, that these imaginary robes never shew to such advantage, as in the morning. *When the sun*, says he, *riseth from the extremities of the earth, and enlightens the ocean with his horizontal rays; then they appear in great splendour, which is increased by the morning dew.* All this investiture of the Deity relates to the earth and the heavens, which were delineated upon a <sup>29</sup> skin, δερμα πολυσικτον θηρος, stiled πεπλον. This is described, Ἀστῶν δαιδαλεῶν μιμημ', ἱερὰ τε

<sup>29</sup> Maps, and books too, when writing was introduced, were made of skins, called διφθεραί. Τὰς βίβλους διφθεράς καλεῖσθαι ἀπὸ τῆς παλαιᾶς οἱ Ἴωνες. Herodot. L. 5. c. 58.

A Zone of curious imagery is given by Homer to Hercules. Odyss. L. Λ. v. 609.

Χρυσέος ἦν τελαμῶν, ἵνα θεσκελὰ ἔργα τέτυκτο.

A remarkable passage from Isidorus Basilidis quoted by Clemens Alexandrin. Καὶ γὰρ μοι δοκεῖ τῆς προσποιουμένης φιλοσοφίᾳ, ἵνα μαθῶσι, τι ἐστὶν ἡ ὑποπτερος δρυς, καὶ τὸ ἐπ' αὐτῇ πεποικιλμένον ΦΑΡΟΣ. Πάντα ὅσα Φερεκυδῆς ἀλληγορήσας ἐθεολόγησεν, λαβὼν ἀπὸ τῆς τῆ Χαμ προφητείας. Strom. L. 6: p. 767.

In the former verses from Nonnus we may see the method of deviation. Pharos a tower is taken for Pharos a garment; and this altered to Χιτῶν: and after all, the genuine history is discernable, notwithstanding the veil which is spread over it. The author says, that at the bottom εὐκλωστοῖο Χιτῶνος, of the well woven garment, flowed the Ocean, which surrounded the world. This is certainly a misinterpretation of the term φαρὸς: and in the original writings, whence these verses were copied, the history related to a tower: and it was at the foot ΦΑΡΟΥ ΕΥΚΛΩΣΤΟΙΟ that the ocean beat, by which the earth was encircled.



πολοιο : *as a copy and imitation of all the celestial appearances.*  
 The whole was deposited in a Pharos upon the sea-shore,  
 upon which the sun at his rising darted his early rays ; and  
 whose turrets glittered with the dew : Ὑπο σερπῶν ἀμετρήτων  
 φαίνεται ἄρ' ὠκεανὸς κυκλός : from the upper story of the tower,  
 which was of an unmeasurable height, there was an unlimited  
 view of the ocean. This vast element surrounded the edi-  
 fice like a zone ; and afforded a wonderful phænomenon.  
 Such, I imagine, is the solution of the enigma.





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## T A R, T O R, T A R I T.

I Have taken notice of the fears and apprehensions, under which the first navigators must necessarily have been, when they traversed unknown seas ; and were liable to be entangled among the rocks, and shelves of the deep : and I mentioned the expedients, of which they made use, to obviate such difficulties, and to render the coast less dangerous. They built upon every hill, and promontory, where they had either commerce or settlement, obelisks, and towers, which they consecrated to some Deity. These served in a twofold capacity, both as seamarks by day, and for beacons by night. And as people in those times made only coasting voyages, they continually went on shore with offerings, in order to gain the assistance of the God, whoever there presided : for these towers were temples, and oftentimes richly furnished and endowed. They were built sometimes on artificial mounds ; but generally on natural eminences, that they might be seen at a great distance. They were called by the Amonians, who first erected them, <sup>s</sup> Tar, and Tor ;

<sup>s</sup> Bochart Geog. Sacra. L. 1. c. 228. p. 524. of 715.



the same as the *תור* of the Chaldees, which signified both a hill and tower. They were oftentimes compounded, and stiled Tor-Is, or fire towers : on account of the light, which they exhibited, and the fires, which were preserved in them. Hence came the *turris* of the Romans; and the *τῦρις*, *τῦρρίς*, *τῦρσις*, *τῦρσος*, of the Greeks. The latter, when the word Tor occurred in ancient history, often changed it to *ταυρος*, a bull ; and invented a number of idle stories in consequence of this change. The Ophite God Osiris, the same as Apollo, was by the Amonians stiled Oph-El, and Ope-El : and there was upon the Sinus Persicus a city Opis, where his rites were observed. There seems likewise to have been a temple sacred to him, named Tor-Opel ; which the Greeks rendered *Ταυροπόλος*. Strabo speaks of such an oracular temple ; and says, that it was in the island Icaria towards the mouth of the Tigris : <sup>2</sup> *Νησον Ικαριον, και ἱερον Απολλωνος ἁγιον εν αυτη, και μαντειον Ταυροπολυσ*. Here, instead of Osiris, or Mithras, the serpent Deity, the author presents us with Apollo, the manager of bulls.

One of the principal, and most ancient settlements of the Amonians upon the ocean was at Gades ; where a prince was supposed to have reigned, named Geryon. The harbour at Gades was a very fine one ; and had several Tor, or Towers to direct shipping : and as it was usual to imagine the Deity, to whom the temple was erected, to have been the builder, this temple was said to have been built by Hercules. All this the Grecians took to themselves : they attributed the

<sup>2</sup> Strabo, L. 16. p. 1110.



whole to the hero of Thebes: and as he was supposed to conquer wherever he came, they made him subdue Geryon; and changing the Tor, or Towers, into so many head of cattle, they <sup>3</sup> describe him as leading them off in triumph over the Pyranees and Alpes, to Hetruria, and so on to Calabria. From thence, for what reason we know not, he swims them over to Messana in Sicily: and after some stay he swims with them through the sea back again, all the while holding by one of their horns. The bulls of Colchis with which Jason was supposed to have engaged, were probably of the same nature and original. The people of this country were Amonians, and had once a <sup>4</sup> mighty trade; for the security of which they erected at the entrance of the Phasis towers. These served both as light-houses, and temples; and were sacred to Adorus. They were on this account called Tynador, whence the Greeks formed Tyndarus, Tyndaris, and Tyndaridæ. They were built after some, which stood near the city <sup>5</sup> Parætonium of Egypt; and they are alluded to by the geographer Dionysius:

<sup>6</sup> Παρ δὲ μυχὸν Ποντοῖο, μετὰ χθονὰ Τυνδαριδῶν,  
Κολχοὶ ναίετασιν ἐπηλυδὲς Αἰγυπτοῖο.

Colchis was stiled Cutaia, and had been early occupied by the sons of Chus. The chief city, whence the country has been in general denominated, was from its situation called

<sup>3</sup> Diodorus Siculus. L. 4. p. 231.

<sup>4</sup> Strabo. L. 11. p. 762.

<sup>5</sup> Τυνδαριοὶ σκοπελοὶ. Ptolemæus. P. 122. See Strabo. L. 17. p. 1150.

<sup>6</sup> Dionysius. V. 688. Pliny stiles them oppida.

Oppida—in ripâ celeberrima, Tyndarida, Circæum, &c. L. 6. c. 4.



Cal-Chus, and Col-Chus, the hill, or place of Chus. This by the Greeks was rendered Colchis: but as travellers are not uniform in expressing foreign terms, some have rendered, what was Colchian, Chalcian, and from Colchus they have formed *Χαλκος*, brass. The Chalcian towers being moreover interpreted *ταυροι*, bulls, a story took its rise about the brazen bulls of Colchis. Besides this there was in these towers a constant fire kept up for the direction of ships by night: whence the bulls were said to breath fire.

We however sometimes meet with sacred towers, which were really denominated Tauri from the worship of the mystic bull, the same as the Apis, and Mneuis of Egypt. Such was probably the temple of Minotaurus in Crete, where the <sup>7</sup> Deity was represented under an emblematical figure; which consisted of the body of a man with the head of a bull. In Sicily was a promontory Taurus, mentioned by Diodorus Siculus; which was called also Tauromenium. He acquaints us, that Hanno the Carthaginian sent his Admiral with orders *παραπλεῖν ἐπὶ τοῦ λοφῶν καλεσμένου Ταύρου*, *to sail along the coast to the promontory named Taurus*. This Taurus, he thinks, was afterwards named *Ταυρομενιον*, Tauromenium, from the people who settled, and <sup>8</sup> remained there: as if this

<sup>7</sup> The Minotaur was an emblematical representation of Menes, the same as Osiris; who was also called Dionusius, the chief Deity of Egypt. He was also the same as Atis of Lydia, whose rites were celebrated in conjunction with those of Rhea, and Cybele, the mother of the Gods. Gruter has an inscription, M. D. M. IDÆ, et ATTIDI MINOTAURO. He also mentions an altar of Attis Minoturannus. Vol. i. p. xxviii. n. 6.

<sup>8</sup> Diodor. Sicul. L. 16. p. 411.



were the only place in the world where people settled and remained. It was an ancient compound, and no part of it of Grecian<sup>9</sup> original. Tauromenium is the same as Menotaurium reversed: and the figure of the Deity was varied exactly in the same manner; as is apparent from the coins and engravings, which have been found in Sicily. The Minotaur is figured as a man with the head of a bull; the Tauromen as a bull with the face of a<sup>10</sup> man.

Among the<sup>11</sup> Hetrurians this term seems to have been taken in a more enlarged sense; and to have signified a city, or town fortified. When they settled in Italy, they founded many places of strength; and are reputed to have been the first who introduced the art of fortification. <sup>12</sup> Τυρσηνοὶ πρῶτον εφευρὸν τὴν τειχοποιίαν. Hence the word Tar, and Tur, is often found in the composition of names, which relate to people of this country: They worshiped the Sun, stiled Zan, and Zeen; whose temples were called Tur-Zeen: and in consequence of it one of the principal names by which their country was distinguished, was Turzenia. The Scholiast upon Lycophron mentions it as <sup>13</sup> Χωρὰν ἀπὸ Τυρσηνῆς κληθεῖσαν Τυρσηνίαν, *a region, which from Tur-Seen was named Tur-senia.* The Poet above takes notice of two persons by the

<sup>9</sup> Meen was the moon: and Meno-Taurus signified Taurus Lunaris. It was a sacred emblem, of which a great deal will be said hereafter.

<sup>10</sup> See Paruta's Sicilia nummata.

<sup>11</sup> Τυρίς, ὁ περιβολὸς τῆς τειχῆς. Hesych. From whence we may infer, that any place surrounded with a wall or fortification might be termed a Tor or Turris.

Ταρχωνίων πόλις Τυρσηνίας. Stephan. Byzant.

<sup>12</sup> Scholia upon Lycophron. V. 717.

<sup>13</sup> Scholia upon Lycophron. V. 1242.

The Poet says of Æneas, Παλιν πλανητὴν δεξέται Τυρσηνίαν. V. 1239.



names of Tarchon, and Turseen. <sup>14</sup> *Ταρχων τε, και Τυρσηνος, αιθωνες λυκοι.* From Tarchon there was a city and district named <sup>15</sup> Tarcunia; from whence came the family of the Tarquins, or Tarquinii, so well known in the history of <sup>16</sup> Rome. The Amonians esteemed every emanation of light a fountain; and stiled it Ain, and Aines: and as they built lighthouses upon every island and insular promontory, they were in consequence of it called Aines, Agnes; Inis, Inesos, Nesos, Nees: and this will be found to obtain in many different countries and languages. The Hetru-rians occupied a large tract of sea-coast; on which account they worshiped Poseidon: and one of their principal cities was Poseidonium. They erected upon their shores towers and beacons for the sake of their navigation, which they called Tor-ain: whence they had a still farther denomination of Tur-aini, and their country was named Tur-ainia; the *Τυρρηνια* of the later Greeks. All these appellations are from the same object, the edifices which they erected: even Hetruria seems to have been a compound of Ai-tur; and to have signified the land of Towers.

Another name for buildings of this nature was Turit, or Tirit; which signified a tower or turret. I have often mentioned, that temples have been mistaken for Deities, and places for persons. We have had an instance of this above; where Tarchon, and Tursenus are supposed to have been

<sup>14</sup> Lycophron. V. 1248.

<sup>15</sup> *Ταρκυνια πολις Τυρρηνιδος απο Ταρχωνος το εθνικον Ταρκυνιος.* Steph. Byzant.

<sup>16</sup> Strabo. L. 5. p. 336. *Ταρκυνα, αφ' ε Ταρκυνια η πολις.*



founders of colonies. Torone was a place in Macedonia; and signifies literally the Tower of the Sun. The Poets have formed out of it a female personage; and supposed her to have been the wife of <sup>17</sup> Proteus. So Amphi-Tirit is merely an oracular tower. This too has by the Poets been changed to a female, Amphitrite; and made the wife of Neptune. The name of Triton is a contraction of Tirit-On; and signifies the tower of the Sun, like Torone: but a Deity was framed from it, who was supposed to have had the appearance of a man upwards, but downwards to have been like a fish. From this emblematical representation we may judge of the figure of the real Deity; and be assured, that it could be no other than that of Atargatis and Dagon. The <sup>18</sup> Heturians were thought to have been the inventors of trumpets; and in their towers upon the sea-coast there were people appointed to be continually upon the watch both by day and night; and to give a proper signal, if any thing happened extraordinary. This was done by a blast from the trumpet: and Triton was hence feigned to have been Neptune's trumpeter. He is accordingly described by Nonnus,

<sup>19</sup> Τυρσηνης βαρυδασπον εχων σαλπιγλα θαλασσης;  
*as possessing the deep toned trumpet of the Hetrurian <sup>main</sup> ~~deep~~*  
 However in early times these brazen instruments were but little known: and people were obliged to make use of, what was near at hand, the conchs of the sea, which every strand

<sup>17</sup> Lycophron. V. 116:

<sup>18</sup> Η Τορωνη, γυνη Πρωτεως. Scholia ibidem:

<sup>19</sup> Τυρρηνοι σαλπιγλα. Tatianus Assyrius. P. 243.

<sup>20</sup> L. 17. p. 468:

afforded:



afforded. By sounding these they gave signals from the top of the towers, when any ship appeared : and this is the implement, with which Triton is more commonly furnished. The ancients divided the night into different watches ; the last of which was called cockcrow : and in consequence of this they kept a cock in their Tirat, or Towers, to give notice of the dawn. Hence this bird was sacred to the Sun, and named Alektor, *Αλεκτωρ* : which seems to be a compound out of the titles of that Deity, and of the tower set apart for his service : for all these towers were temples. Those stiled Tritonian were oracular ; as we may infer from the application made by the Argonauts. What Homer attributes to Proteus, Pindar ascribes to Triton. <sup>20</sup> *Μαντευεται δε ως παρ' Ομηρῳ Πρωτευς, και παρὰ Πινδαρῳ Τριτων τοις Αργοναυταις.* Pausanias mentions a tradition of a <sup>21</sup> Triton near Tanagra, who used to molest women, when they were bathing in the sea ; and who was guilty of other acts of violence. He was at last found upon the beach overpowered with wine ; and there slain. This Triton was properly a Tritonian, a priest of one of these temples : for the priests appear to have been great tyrants, and oftentimes very brutal. This person had used the natives ill ; who took advantage of him, when overpowered with liquor, and put him to death.

The term Tor in different parts of the world occurs sometimes a little varied. Whether this happened through mistake, or was introduced for facility of utterance, is uncer-

<sup>20</sup> Scholia upon Lycophron. V. 754.

<sup>21</sup> Pausanias. L. 9. p. 749.



tain. The temple of the Sun, Tor Heres, in Phenicia was rendered *Tegmens*, Trieres: the promontory Tor-Ope-On in Caria, Triopon: Tor-Hamath in Cyprus, Trimathus: Tor-Hanes in India, Trinefia: Tor-Chom, or Chomus, in Palestine, Tricomis. In ancient times the title of Anac was often conferred upon the Deities; and their temples were stiled Tor Anac, and Anac-Tor. The city Miletus was named <sup>22</sup> Anactoria: and there was an Heroûm at Sparta called *Ανακτορον*, Anactoron; where Castor and Pollux had particular honours, who were peculiarly stiled Anactes. It was from Tor-Anac that Sicily was denominated Trinacis and Trinacia. This in process of time was still farther changed to Trinacria; which name was supposed to refer to the triangular form of the island. But herein was a great mistake: for the more ancient name was Trinacia, as is manifest from Homer:

<sup>23</sup> Ὅπποτε δὴ πρῶτον πελάσης εὐεργέα νῆα.

*Τρινακίη νησῶ.*

And the name originally did not relate to the island in general, but to a part only; and that a small district near Ætna. This spot had been occupied by the first inhabitants, the Cyclopians, Lestrygons, and Sicani: and it had this name from some sacred tower, which they built. Callima-

<sup>22</sup> Pausanias. L. 7. p. 524.

Δειμε δὲ τοι μάλα καλὸν Ἀνακτορον. Callimachus. Hymn to Apollo. V. 77.

<sup>23</sup> Homer. Odyss. λ. V. 105. Strabo supposes Trinakis to have been the modern name of the island; forgetting that it was prior to the time of Homer. L. 6. p. 407: he also thinks, that it was called Trinacria from its figure: which is a mistake.



chus calls it mistakenly Trinacria; but says that it was near Ætna, and a portion of the ancient Sicani.

<sup>24</sup> *Αυε δ' αἶ' Αἰτνα,*

*Αυε δε Τρινακριν Σικανων ἔδος.*

The island Rhodes was called <sup>25</sup> Trinacia, which was not triangular: so that the name had certainly suffered a variation; and had no relation to any figure. The city Trachin, *Τραχιν*, in Greece was properly Tor-chun, turris sacra vel regia, like Tarchon in Hetruria. Chun and Chon were titles, said peculiarly to belong to Hercules: <sup>26</sup> *Τον Ἡρακλην φησι κατὰ τοῦ Αἰγυπτίων διαλεκτοῦ Κωνά λεγεσθαι.* We accordingly find that this place was sacred to Hercules: that it was supposed to have been <sup>27</sup> founded by him; and that it was called <sup>28</sup> Heraclea.

I imagine that the trident of Poseidon was a mistaken implement; as it does not appear to have any relation to the Deity, to whom it has been by the Poets appropriated. Both the towers on the sea-coast, and the beacons, which stood above them, had the name of Tor-ain. This the Grecians changed to Triaina, *Τριαίνα*, and supposed it to have been a three pronged fork. The beacon or Torain consisted of an iron or brazen frame, wherein were three or four tines, which stood up upon a circular basis of the same metal. They were bound

<sup>24</sup> Hymn to Diana. V. 56. I make no doubt, but Callimachus wrote *Τρινακρία*.

<sup>25</sup> Pliny. L. 5. c. 31.

<sup>26</sup> Etymolog. Magn.

<sup>27</sup> Stephanus Byzant.

<sup>28</sup> *Τραχιν, ἥ τιν Ἡρακλεία καλεσμένη.* Hesych. or, as Athenæus represents it more truly, *Ἡρακλείαν, τὴν Τραχινίαν καλεσμένην.* L. 11. p. 462.



with a hoop : and had either the figures of Dolphins, or else foliage in the intervals between them. These filled up the vacant space between the tines ; and made them capable of holding the combustible matter, with which they were at night filled. This instrument was put upon a high pole, and hung sloping sea-ward over the battlements of the tower, or from the stern of a ship : with this they could maintain either a smoke by day, or a blaze by night. There was a place in Argos named <sup>29</sup> Triaina ; which was supposed to have been so called from the trident of Neptune. It was undoubtedly a tower, and the true name Tor-ain ; as may be shewn from the history, with which it is attended. For it stood near a fountain ; though a fountain of a different nature from that, of which we have been speaking. The waters of Amumone rose here : which Amumone is a variation from Amim-On, *the waters of the Sun*. The stream rose close to the place ; which was named Tor-ain from its vicinity to the fountain.

Cerberus was the name of a place, as well as Triton, and Torone, though esteemed the dog of hell. We are told by <sup>30</sup> Eusebius from Plutarch, that Cerberus was the Sun : but the term properly signified the temple, or place of the Sun. The great luminary was stiled by the Amonians both Or, and Abor ; that is, *light*, and *the parent of light* : and Cerberus is properly Kir-Abor, the place of that Deity. The

<sup>29</sup> Τριαίνα τοπος Αργους· ενθα την τριαιναν ορθην εστησεν ο Ποσειδων, συγγινωμενος τη Αμυμωνη, και ευθως κατ' εκεινο υδωρ ανεβλυσεν, ο και την επικλησιν εσχεν εξ Αμυμωνης. Scholia in Euripidis Phœniss. V. 195:

<sup>30</sup> Eusebius. Præp. Evan. L. 3. c. 11. p. 113.



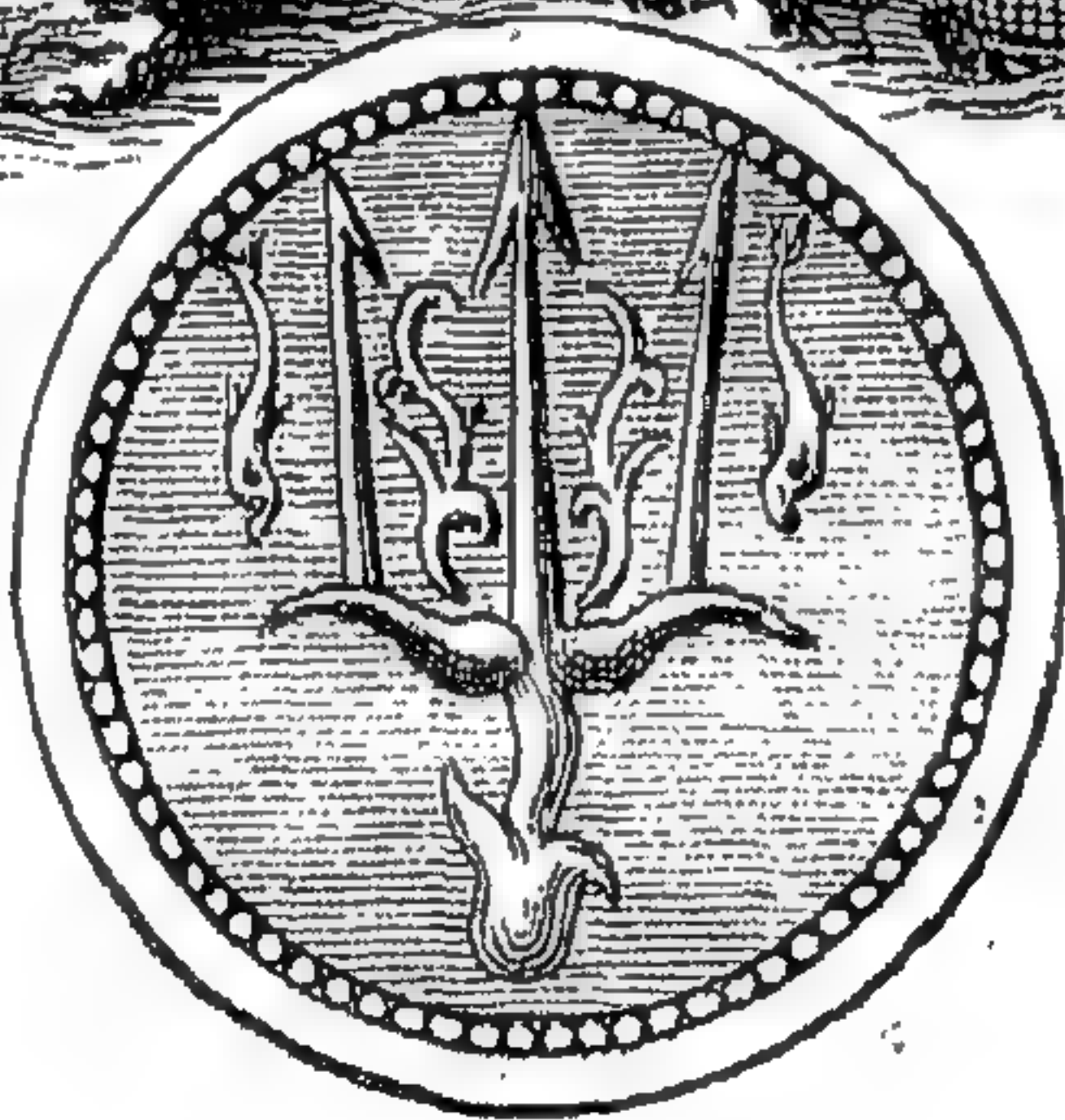
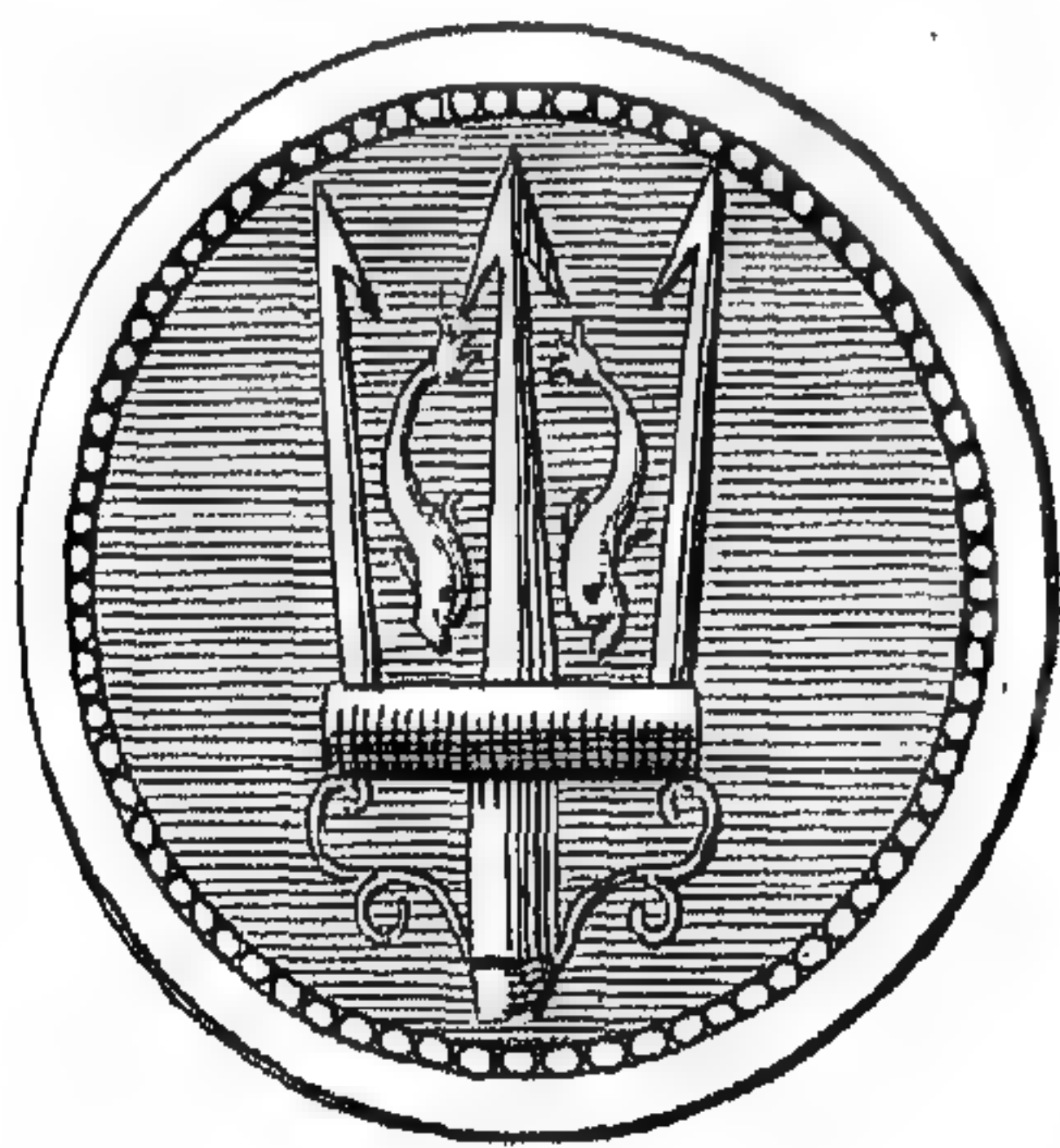
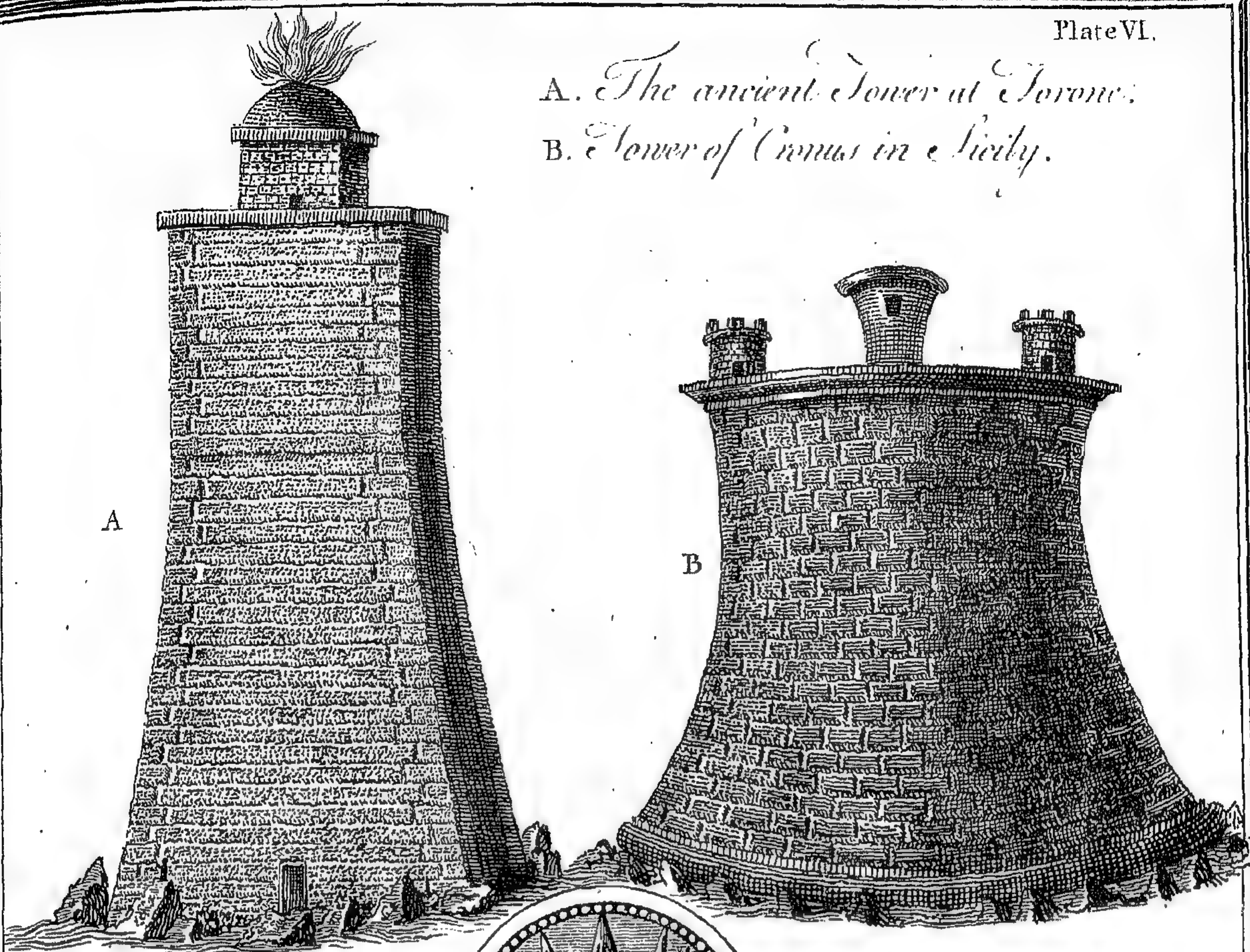
same temple had different names from the diversity of the God's titles, who was there worshiped. It was called Tor-Caph-El; which was changed to τρικεφαλος, just as Cahen-Caph-El was rendered κυνοκεφαλος: and Cerberus was from hence supposed to have had three heads. It was also stiled Tor-Keren, Turris Regia; which suffered a like change with the word above, being expressed τρικαρηνος: and Cahen Ades or Cerberus was from hence supposed to have been a triple-headed monster. That these idle figments took their rise from names of places, ill expressed, and misinterpreted, may be proved from Palæphatus. He abundantly shews, that the mistake arose from hence; though he does not point out precisely the mode of deviation. He first speaks of Geryon, who was supposed to have had three heads, and was thence stiled τρικεφαλος. <sup>31</sup> Ἦν δὲ τοιοῦδε τετρα' πόλις ἐστὶν ἐν τῷ Εὐξίνῳ ποντῷ Τρικαρηνία καλεσμένη κλ. *The purport of the fable about Geryones is this. There was upon the Pontus Euxinus a city named Tricarenia: and from thence came the history Γηρυονος τρι Τρικαρηνης, of Geryon the Tricarenian, which was interpreted, a man with three heads.* He mentions the same thing of Cerberus. <sup>32</sup> Λεγασι περὶ Κερβερος, ὡς κυωνην, ἔχων τρεῖς κεφαλὰς· δηλον δὲ ὅτι καὶ ἔτος ἀπὸ τῆς πόλεως ἐκλήθη Τρικαρηνος, ὡσπερ ὁ Γηρυονης. *They say of Cerberus, that he was a dog with three heads: but it is plain that he was so called from a city named Tricaren, or Tricarenia, as well*

<sup>31</sup> Palæphatus. P. 56.

<sup>32</sup> Palæphatus. P. 96.



A. *The ancient Tower at Torone.*  
B. *Tower of Cronus in Sicily.*



*Ancient*      *Trident.*



as *Geryones*. Palæphatus says very truly that the strange notion arose from a place. But to state more precisely the grounds of the mistake, we must observe that from the ancient Tor-Caph-El arose the blunder about *τρικεφαλος*; as from Tor-Keren, rendered Tricarenia, was formed the term *τρικαρηνος*: and these personages in consequence of it were described with three heads.

As I often quote from Palæphatus, it may be proper to say something concerning him. He wrote early: and seems to have been a serious, and sensible person; one, who saw the absurdity of the fables, upon which the theology of his country was founded. In the purport of his name is signified an antiquarian; a person, who dealt in remote researches: and there is no impossibility, but that there might have casually arisen this correspondence between his name and writings. But, I think, it is hardly probable. As he wrote against the mythology of his country, I should imagine that *Παλαιφατος*, Palæphatus, was an assumed name, which he took for a blind, in order to screen himself from persecution: for the nature of his writings made him liable to much ill will. One little treatise of <sup>33</sup> Palæphatus about Orion is quoted verbatim by the Scholiast upon <sup>34</sup> Homer, who speaks of it as a quotation from Euphorion. I should therefore think, that Euphorion was the name of this writer: but as there were many learned men so called, it may be difficult to determine which was the author of this treatise.

<sup>33</sup> Palæphatus. P. 20.

<sup>34</sup> Iliad. Σ. V. 486.



Homer, who has constructed the noblest poem, that was ever framed, from the strangest materials, abounds with allegory and mysterious description. He often introduces ideal personages, his notions of which he borrowed from edifices, hills, and fountains; and from whatever favoured of wonder and antiquity. He seems sometimes to blend together two different characters of the same thing, a borrowed one, and a real; so as to make the true history, if there should be any truth at bottom, the more extraordinary, and entertaining.

I cannot help thinking, that Otus and Ephialtes, those gigantic youths, so celebrated by the Poets, were two lofty towers. They were building to Alohim, called <sup>34</sup> Aloëus; but were probably overthrown by an earthquake. They are spoken of by Pindar as the sons of Iphimedeia; and are supposed to have been slain by Apollo in the island Naxos.

<sup>35</sup> *Εν δε Ναξῳ*

*Φαντι θανειν λιπαρᾳ Ιφιμεδειας παιδας*

*Ωτον, και σε, τολμαεις Εφιαλτα αναξ.*

They are also mentioned by Homer, who stiles them *γηγενεις*, or earthborn: and his description is equally fine.

<sup>36</sup> *Και ῥ' ετεκεν δυο παιδε, μινυνθαδιω δε γενεσθην,*

*Ωτον τ' αντιθεον, τηλεκλειτον τ' Εφιαλτην·*

*Ἵους δὴ μηκισους θρεψε ζειδωρος αργεα,*

*Και πολυ καλλιστος μετα γε κλυτον Ωρειωνα.*

<sup>34</sup> Diodorus Siculus. L. 5. p. 324.

<sup>35</sup> Pindar. Pyth. Ode 4. p. 243.

<sup>36</sup> Homer. Odyss. A. V. 306.



Εννεωροι γαρ τοιγε, και εννεαπηχες ησαν

Ευρος, αταρ μηκος γε γενεαδην εννεοργυιοι.

Homer includes Orion in this description, whom he mentions elsewhere; and seems to borrow his ideas from a similar object, some tower, or temple, that was sacred to him. Orion was Nimrod, the great hunter in the Scriptures, called by the Greeks Nebrod. He was the founder of Babel, or Babylon; and is represented as a gigantic personage. The author of the Paschal Chronicle speaks of him in this light.  
<sup>37</sup> Νεβρωδ Γιγαντα, τον την Βαβυλωνιαν κτισαντα—όντινα καλουν Ωριωνα. He is called Alorus by Abydenus, and Apollodorus; which was often rendered with the Amonian prefix Pelorus. Homer describes him as a great hunter; and of an enormous stature, even superior to the Aloeidæ above mentioned.

<sup>38</sup> Τον δε μετ' Ωριωνα Πελωριον εισενοησα,

Θηρας όμυ ειλευντα κατ' ασφοδελον λειμωνα.

The Poet styles him Pelorian; which betokens something vast, and is applicable to any towering personage, but particularly to Orion. For the term Pelorus is the name, by which the towers of Orion were called. Of these there seems to have been one in Delos: and another of more note, to which Homer probably alluded, in Sicily; where Orion was particularly revered. The strait of Rhegium was a dangerous pass: and this edifice was erected for the security of

<sup>37</sup> Chron. Paschale. P. 36.

Νεβρωδ—αλεγειν Ωριωνα. Cedrenus. P. 141

<sup>38</sup> Homer. Odyss. Λ. V. 571.



those, who were obliged to go through it. It stood near Zancle; and was called <sup>39</sup> Pelorus, because it was sacred to Alorus, the same as <sup>40</sup> Orion. There was likewise a river named from him, and rendered by Lycophron <sup>41</sup> Elorus. The tower is mentioned by Strabo; but more particularly by Diodorus Siculus. He informs us that, according to the tradition of the place, Orion there resided; and that, among other works, he raised this very mound and promontory, called Pelorus and Pelorias, together with the temple, which was situated upon it. <sup>42</sup> *Ωριωνα προσχωσαι το κατα την Πελωριαδα κειμενον ακρωτηριον, και το τεμενος τε Ποσειδωνος κατασκευασαι, τιμωμενον ὑπο των εγχωριων διαφεροντως.* We find from hence that there was a tower of this sort, which belonged to Orion: and that the word Pelorion was a term borrowed from these edifices, and made use of metaphorically, to denote any thing stupendous and large. The description in Homer is of a mixed nature: wherein he retains the ancient tradition of a gigantic person; but borrows his ideas from the towers sacred to him. I have taken notice before, that all temples of old were supposed to be oracular; and

<sup>39</sup> Strabo. L. 3. p. 259.

<sup>40</sup> Alorus was the first king of Babylon; and the same person as Orion, and Nimrod. See Radicals. P. 9. notes.

<sup>41</sup> *Ἐλωρος, ενθα ψυχρον εκβαλλει ποτον.* Lycophron. V. 1033.

*Ῥειθρων Ἐλωρε προθεν.* Idem. V. 1184. *Ὁ ποταμος ὃ Ἐλωρος εσχζε το ονομα απο τινος βασιλεως Ἐλωρε.* Schol. ibid. There were in Sicily many places of this name; *Πεδιον Ἐλωριον.* Diodorus. L. 13. p. 148. Elorus Castellum. Fazellus. Dec. 1. L. 4. c. 2.

Via Helorina. *Ἐλωρος πολις.* Cluver. Sicilia Antiqua. L. 1. c. 13. p. 186.

<sup>42</sup> Diodorus Siculus. L. 4. p. 284.



by the Amonians were called Pator and Patara. This temple of Orion was undoubtedly a Pator; to which mariners resorted to know the event of their voyage, and to make their offerings to the God. It was on this account stiled Tor Pator; which being by the Greeks expressed *τριπατωρ*, tripator, gave rise to the notion, that this earthborn giant had three fathers.

<sup>43</sup> *Ωρειων τριπατωρ απο μητερος ανθρε γαιης.*

These towers near the sea were made use of to form a judgment of the weather, and to observe the heavens: and those, which belonged to cities, were generally in the Acropolis, or higher part of the place. This by the Arnonians was named Bosrah; and the citadel of Carthage, as well as of other cities, is known to have been so denominated. But the Greeks by an unavoidable fatality rendered it uniformly <sup>44</sup> *βυρσα*, bursa; a skin: and when some of them succeeded to Zancle <sup>45</sup> in Sicily, finding that Orion had some reference to Ouran or Ouranus, and from the name of the temple (*τριπατωρ*) judging that he must have had three fathers, they immediately went to work, in order to reconcile these different ideas. They accordingly changed Ouran to *ερειν*; and thinking the misconstrued hide *βυρσα* no improper utensil for their purpose, they made these three fathers cooperate in a most wonderful manner for the production of this ima-

<sup>43</sup> Nonni Dionysiaca. L. 13. p. 356.

<sup>44</sup> Κατα μεσην δε την πολιν η ακροπολις, ην εκαλειν βυρσαν, οφρυς ικανως ορθια. Strabo. L. 17. p. 1189.

See also Justin. L. 18. c. 5. and Livy. L. 34. c. 62.

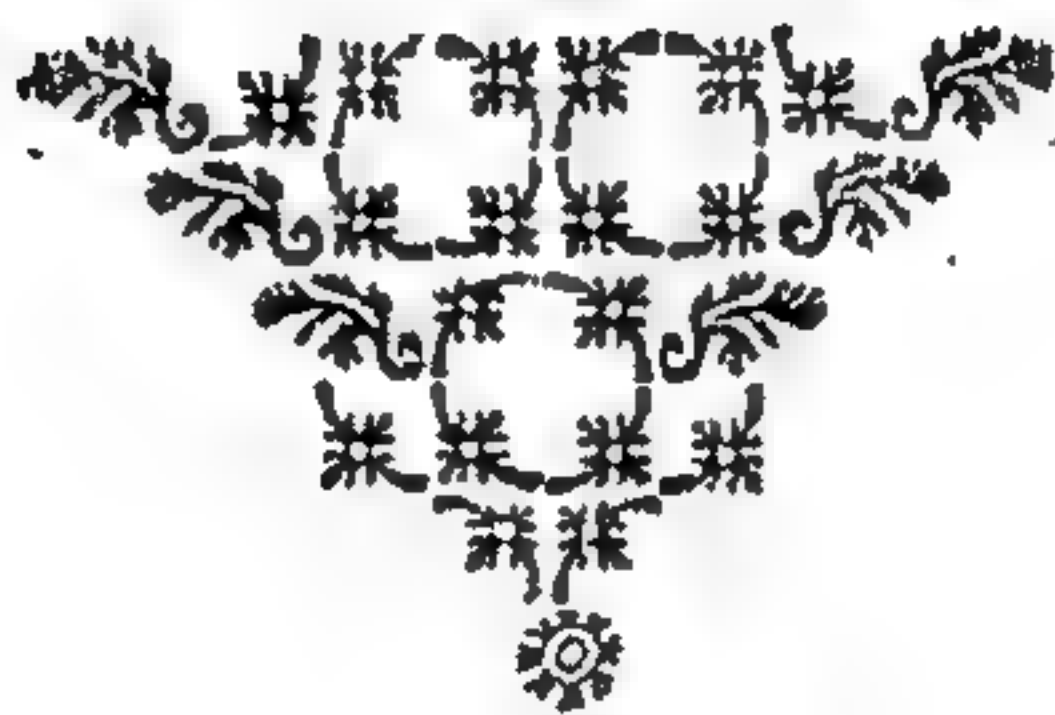
<sup>45</sup> Ζαγκλη πολις Σικελιας—απο Ζαγκλητις γηγενες. Stephanus Byzant.



ginary person; inventing the most slovenly legend, that ever was devised. <sup>46</sup> Τρεῖς (θεοί) τὸ σφαγέντος βοὸς βύρση ἐνέξησαν, καὶ ἐξ αὐτῆς Ὀρίων ἐγένετο. Tres Dei in bovis mac-tati pelle minxerunt, et inde natus est Orion.

<sup>46</sup> Scholia in Lycophron. V. 328.<sup>1</sup>

Ὀρίων—κατὰ τὴν τὸ β εἰς ω ἀπὸ τῶν ἐρίων εἶναι ἀπὸ ἱστορίας τῶν ἐξηται τῶν θεῶν ἐν τῇ βύρσῃ, καὶ γενέσθαι αὐτόν. Etymolog. Mag. Ὀρίων.





## T I T and T I T H.

**W**HEN towers were situated upon eminences fashioned very round, they were by the Amónians called Tith; which answers to תִּית in Hebrew, and to <sup>1</sup> τιτθη, and τιτθος in Greek. They were so denominated from their resemblance to a woman's breast; and were particularly sacred to Orus, and Osiris, the Deities of light, who by the Grecians were represented under the title of Apollo. Hence the summit of Parnassus was <sup>2</sup> named Tithorea from Tith-Or: and hard by was a city, mentioned by Pausanias, of the same name; which was alike sacred to Orus, and Apollo. The same author takes notice of a hill near Epidaurus, called <sup>3</sup> Τιτθειον ορος Απολλωνος. There was a summit of the like nature at Samos, which is by Callimachus stiled *the breast of Parthenia*: <sup>4</sup> Διαδροχον υδατι μασον Παρθενιης. Mounds of this nature are often by Pausanias, and

<sup>1</sup> Τιτθη, τιτθος, τιτθιον, μασος. Hesychius.

<sup>2</sup> Pausanias. L. 10. p. 878.

<sup>3</sup> Ορος—ὅ δὲ Τιτθειον ονομαζουσιν ἐφ' ἡμῶν, τρηκαυτα δὲ ἐκαλεῖτο Μυρτιον. Pausan. L. 2. p. 170.

<sup>4</sup> Callimach. Hymn in Delon. V. 48. Μαστοι often taken notice of by Xenophon. Αναξας. L. 4. p. 320. A hill at Lesbos. Εν Λεσβῳ κλεινης Ερεσθ περιχυμονι ΜΑΣΤΩ, Athenæus. L. 3. p. 111. Εχει δ' εν αυτω και μαστι. Polyb. L. 1. p. 57.



Strabo, termed from their resemblance <sup>5</sup> *μασσοειδεις*. Tithonus, whose longevity is so much celebrated, was nothing more than one of these structures, a Pharos sacred to the sun, as the name plainly shews. Tith-On is *μασος ηλις*, *the mount of the* <sup>6</sup> *Sun*. As he supplied the place of that luminary, he is said to have been beloved by Aurora, and through her favour to have lived many ages. This indeed is the reverse of that, which is fabled of the <sup>7</sup> Cyclopes, whose history equally relates to edifices. They are said to have raised the jealousy of Apollo, and to have been slain by his arrows: yet it will be found at bottom of the same purport. The Cyclopiæ turrets upon the Sicilian shore fronted due east: and their lights must necessarily have been extinguished by the rays of the rising Sun. This, I imagine, is the meaning of Apollo's slaying the Cyclopes with his arrows. Tethys, the ancient Goddess of the sea, was nothing else but an old tower upon a mount; of the same shape, and erected for the same purposes, as those above. On this account it was called Tith-Is, *μασος πυρος*. Thetis seems to have been a transposition of the same name; and was probably a Pharos, or Firetower near the sea.

These mounts, *λοφοι μασσοειδεις*, were not only in Greece; but in Egypt, Syria, and most parts of the world. They

<sup>5</sup> Strabo mentions in Cyprus, *Αμαθες πολις—και ορος μασσοειδες Ολυμπος*. L. 14. p. 1001.

<sup>6</sup> The Circean promontory in Italy seems to have been named Tit-On; for the bay below is by Lycophron stiled Titonian. *Τιτωνιον τε χευμα*. V. 1275. Rivers and seas were often denominated from places, near which they flowed.

<sup>7</sup> Of the Cyclopes I shall hereafter treat at large.



were generally formed by art; being composed of earth, raised very high; which was sloped gradually, and with great exactness: and the top of all was crowned with a fair tower. The situation of these buildings made them be looked upon as places of great safety: and the reverence, in which they were held, added to the security. On these accounts they were the repositories of much wealth and treasure: in times of peril they were crowded with things of value. In Assyria was a temple named Azara; which the Parthian plundered, and is said to have carried off ten thousand talents: <sup>8</sup> Καὶ ἔρε ταλαντων μυριων γαζαν. The same author mentions two towers of this fort in Judea, not far from Jericho, belonging to Aristobulus and Alexander, and stiled <sup>9</sup> Γαζοφυλακία των Τυραννων: which were taken by Pompeius Magnus in his war with the Jews. There were often two of these mounds of equal height in the same inclosure; such as are described by Josephus at Machærus near some warm fountains. He mentions here a cavern and a rock; <sup>10</sup> σπηλαιον—τη πετρα πρὸς χυση σκεπομενον· ταυτης ανωθεν ὥστανει μαστοι δυο ανεχουσιν, αλληλων ολιγω διεσωτες: *and above it two round hills like breasts, at no great distance from each other.* To such as these Solomon alludes, when he makes his beloved say, <sup>11</sup> *I am a wall, and my breasts like towers.* Though the word חֲמוּהָ, Chumah, or Comah, be ge-

<sup>8</sup> Strabo. L. 16. p. 1080. Azara signified a treasure.

<sup>9</sup> Strabo. L. 16. p. 1106.

<sup>10</sup> Bell. Jud. L. 7. p. 417.

<sup>11</sup> Canticles. C. 8. v. 10.



nerally rendered a wall ; yet I should think that in this place it signified the ground, which the wall surrounded : an inclosure sacred to Cham, the Sun, who was particularly worshiped in such places. The Mizraim called these hills Typhon, and the cities, where they were erected, Typhonian. But as they stood within enclosures sacred to Chom, they were also stiled Choma. This, I imagine, was the meaning of the term in this place, and in some others ; where the text alludes to a different nation, and to a foreign mode of worship. In these temples the Sun was principally adored, and the rites of fire celebrated : and this seems to have been the reason, why the judgment denounced against them is uniformly, that they shall be destroyed by fire. If we suppose Comah to mean a mere wall, I do not see why fire should be so particularly destined against a part, which is the least combustible. The Deity says, <sup>12</sup> *I will kindle a fire in the wall of Damascus.* <sup>13</sup> *I will send a fire on the wall of Gaza.* <sup>14</sup> *I will send a fire on the wall of Tyrus.* <sup>15</sup> *I will kindle a* <sup>16</sup> *fire in the wall of Rabbah.* As the crime, which brought down this curse, was idolatry, and the term used in all these instances is Chomah ; I should think that it related to a temple of Chom, and his high places, called by the Greeks λοφοι μασσειδεις : and to these the spouse of Solomon cer-

<sup>12</sup> Jeremiah. C. 49. v. 27.

<sup>13</sup> Amos. C. 1. v. 7.

<sup>14</sup> Amos. C. 1. v. 10.

<sup>15</sup> Amos. C. 1. v. 14.

<sup>16</sup> It is remarkable, that in many of the very ancient temples there was a tradition of their having suffered by lightning.



tainly alludes, when she says, *εγω τειχος, και οι μαστοι μου ως πυργοι*. This will appear from another passage in Solomon, where he makes his beloved say, <sup>17</sup> *We have a little sister, and she hath no breasts. If she be a Comah, we will build upon her a palace of silver*. A palace cannot be supposed to be built upon a wall; though it may be inclosed with one. The place for building was a Comah, or eminence. It is said of Jotham king of Judah, that <sup>18</sup> *on the wall of Ophel he built much*. Ophel is literally Pytho Sol, the Ophite Deity of Egypt and Canaan. What is here termed a wall, was a Comah, or high place, which had been of old erected to the sun by the Jebusites. This Jotham fortified, and turned it to advantage; whereas before it was not used, or used for a bad purpose. The ground set apart for such use was generally oval; and towards one extremity of the long diameter, as it were in the focus, were these mounds and towers erected. As they were generally royal edifices, and at the same time held sacred; they were termed Tarchon, like Tarchonium in Hetruria: which by a corruption was in later times rendered Trachon, *Τραχων*. There were two hills of this denomination near Damascus; from whence undoubtedly the Regio Trachonitis received its name: <sup>19</sup> *ὑπερ-κεινται δε αυτης (Δαμασκ) δυο λεγομενοι Τραχωνες*. These were hills with towers, and must have been very fair to see to. Solomon takes notice of a hill of this sort upon <sup>20</sup> *Lebanon*,

<sup>17</sup> Canticles. C. 8. v. 8.

<sup>18</sup> 2 Chron. C. 27. v. 3.

<sup>19</sup> Strabo. L. 16. p. 1096.

<sup>20</sup> Canticles. C. 7. v. 4.



looking toward *Damascus*; which he speaks of as a beautiful structure. The term *Trachon* seems to have been still farther sophisticated by the Greeks, and expressed *Δρακων*, *Dracon*: from whence in great measure arose the notion of treasures being guarded by <sup>21</sup> Dragons. We read of the gardens of the *Hesperides* being under the protection of a sleepless serpent: and the golden fleece at *Colchis* was entrusted to such another guardian; of which there is a fine description in *Apollonius*.

<sup>22</sup> Πυργος εισοψεθε Κυταεος Αιηταο,  
 Αλσος τε σκιοεν Αρεος, τοθι κωας επ' ακρης  
 Πεπταμενον φηγοιο Δρακων, τερας αινον ιδεσθαι,  
 Αμφις οπιπτευει δεδοκημενος· ουδε οι ημαρ,  
 Ου κνεφας ηδυμος υπνος αναιδεα δαμναται οσσε.

*Nonnus* often introduces a dragon as a protector of virginity; watching while the damsel slumbered, but sleepless itself:

<sup>23</sup> Υπναλεης αγρυπνον οπιπτευτηρα κορειης: and in another place he mentions <sup>24</sup> Φρυγον εχεις απελεθρον Οφιν. Such a one guarded the nymph *Chalcomeda*, <sup>25</sup> Παρθενικης αγαμοιο βοηθοος. The Goddess *Proserpine* had two <sup>26</sup> dragons to protect her, by the appointment of her mother *Demeter*.

<sup>21</sup> Pervenit ad Draconis speluncam ultimam,

Custodiebat qui thesauros abditos. *Phædrus*. L. 4. Fab. 18.

See *Macrobius*. *Saturn*. L. 1. c. 20. of dragons guarding treasures.

<sup>22</sup> *Apollonius Rhodius*. L. 2. v. 405.

<sup>23</sup> *Nonni Dionysiaca*. L. 14. p. 408.

<sup>24</sup> *Nonni Dionys.* L. 33. p. 840.

<sup>25</sup> *Nonni Dionys.* L. 35. p. 876.

<sup>26</sup> *Nonni Dionys.* L. 6. p. 186.



Such are the poetical representations : but the history at bottom relates to sacred towers, dedicated to the symbolical worship of the serpent ; where there was a perpetual watch, and a light ever burning. The Titans, *Τιτᾶνες*, were properly Titanians ; a people so denominated from their worship, and from the places, where it was celebrated. They are, like Orion and the Cyclopians, represented as gigantic persons : and they were of the same race, the children of Anak. The Titanian temples were stately edifices, erected in Chaldea, as well as in lower Egypt, upon mounds of earth, *λοφοὶ μασηοειδεῖς*, and sacred to Hanes ; *Τιτανίς*, and *Τιτᾶνες* are compounds of Tit-Hanes ; and signify literally *μασὸς ἡλῖς*, the conical hill of Orus. They were by their situation strong, and probably made otherwise defensible.

In respect to the legends about dragons, I am persuaded that the ancients sometimes did wilfully misrepresent things, in order to increase the wonder. Iphicrates related, that in Mauritania there were dragons of such extent, that grass grew upon their backs : <sup>27</sup> *Δρακοντας τε λεγει μεγαλᾶς, ὥς τε καὶ ποτὶ ἐπιπεφυκεναί.* What can be meant under this representation but a Dracontium, within whose precincts they encouraged verdure ? It is said of Taxiles, a mighty prince in India, and a rival of Porus, that, upon the arrival of Alexander the Great, he shewed him every thing that was in his country curious, and which could win the attention of a foreigner. Among other things he carried him to see a

<sup>27</sup> Strabo. L. 17. p. 1183.



<sup>28</sup> Dragon, which was sacred to Dionusus; and itself esteemed a God. It was of a stupendous size, being in extent equal to five acres; and resided in a low deep place, walled round to a great height. The Indians offered sacrifices to it: and it was daily fed by them from their flocks and herds; which it devoured at an amazing rate. In short my author says, that it was treated rather as a tyrant, than a benevolent Deity. Two Dragons of the like nature are mentioned by <sup>29</sup> Strabo; which are said to have resided in the mountains of Abisares, or Abiosares in India: the one was eighty cubits in length, the other one hundred and forty. Similar to the above is the account given by Posidonius of a serpent, which he saw in the plains of *Macra*, a region in Syria; and which he styles <sup>30</sup> δρακοντα πεπτωκوتا νεκρον. He says, that it was about an acre in length; and of a thickness so remarkable, as that two persons on horseback when they rode on the opposite sides, could not see one another. Each scale was as

<sup>28</sup> Εν δε τοις εδειξε και ζων υπερφουε, Διονυσου αγαλμα, ο Ινδοι εθουν. Δρακων ην, μηκος πενταπλεθρον· ετρεφετο δε εν χωριω κοιλω, εν κρημνω βαθει, τειχει υψηλω υπερ των ακρων περιβεβλημενος· και ανηλισκε τας Ινδων αγελας. κτλ. Maximus Tyr. Dissert. 8. C. 6. p. 85.

<sup>29</sup> Strabo. L. 15. p. 1022.

<sup>30</sup> Μακρα πεδιον. Εν ταυτω δε Ποσειδωνιος ισχορει τον Δρακοντα πεπτωκوتا οραθηναι νεκρον, μηκος σχεδον τι και πλεθριαιον, παχος δε, ωσθ' ιππεας εκατερωθεν παρασαντας αλληλες μη καθαραν· χασμα δε, ως' επιπτον δεξαδαι, της δε φολιδος λεπιδα εκαστην υπεραιεσαν θυρεα. Strabo. L. 16. p. 1095. The epithet πεπτωκως could not properly be given to a serpent: but to a building decayed, and in ruins nothing is more applicable. A serpent creeps upon its belly, and is even with the ground, which he goes over; and cannot fall lower. The moderns indeed delineate dragons with legs: but I do not know that this was customary among the ancients.



big as a shield: and a man might ride in at its mouth. What can this description allude to, this *δρακων πεπτωκως*, but the ruins of an ancient Ophite temple; which is represented in this enigmatical manner to raise admiration? The plains of Macra were not far from Mount Lebanon, and Hermon; where the Hivites resided; and where serpent-worship particularly prevailed. The Indian Dragon above mentioned seems to have been of the same nature. It was probably a temple, and its environs; where a society of priests resided, who were maintained by the public; and who worshiped the Deity under the semblance of a serpent. Tityus must be ranked among the monsters of this class. He is by the Poets represented as a stupendous being, an earthborn giant;

<sup>31</sup> *Terræ omniparentis alumnum,*

——per tota novem cui jügera corpus

*Porrigitur.*

By which is meant, that he was a tower, erected upon a conical mount of earth, which stood in an enclosure of nine acres. He is said to have a vulture preying upon his heart, or liver; *immortale jecur tondens*. The whole of which history is borrowed from Homer, who mentions two vultures engaged in tormenting him.

<sup>32</sup> *Και Τιτυον ειδον Γαιης ερικυδεος υιον,*

<sup>31</sup> Virgil. *Æneis*. L. 6. v. 595.

<sup>32</sup> Homer. *Odyss.* L. Λ. v. 575.

Quintus Calaber stiles him *πυλυπελεθρος*.

*Πυλυπελεθρος εκειτο κατα χθονος ευρυπεδοιο.* L. 3. v. 395.

*Τιτυον μεγαλιν, ον ρ' ετεκεν γε*

*Δι' Ελαρη, θρεψεν δε και αψ' ελοχευσατο Γαια.*

*Apollon. Rhodius.* L. ι. v. 761.



ΚΕΙΜΕΝΟΝ ΕΝ ΔΑΠΕΔΩ· ὁδ' ἐπ' ΕΝΝΕΑ ΚΕΙΤΟ ΠΕΛΕΘΡΑ·  
 ΓΥΠΕ ΔΕ ΜΙΝ ἑκάτερθε ΠΑΡΗΜΕΝΟΙ ΗΠΑΡ ΕΚΕΙΡΟΝ,  
 ΔΕΥΤΕΡΟΝ ΕΣΩ ΔΥΝΟΝΤΕΣ, ὁδ' ΟΥΚ ΑΠΑΜΥΝΕΤΟ ΧΕΡΣΙ.

The same story is told of Prometheus, who is said to have been exposed upon Mount Caucasus near Colchis; with this variation, that an eagle is placed over him, preying upon his heart. These strange histories are undoubtedly taken from the symbols and devices, which were carved upon the front of the ancient Amonian temples; and especially those of Egypt. The eagle, and the vulture, were the insignia of that country: whence it was called Ai-Gupt, and <sup>33</sup> Aetia, from Ait and Gupt, which signified an eagle and vulture. Ait was properly a title of the Deity, and signified heat: and the heart, the center of vital heat, was among the Egyptians stiled <sup>34</sup> Ait: hence we are told by <sup>35</sup> Orus Apollo, that a heart over burning coals was an emblem of Egypt. The Amonians dealt much in hieroglyphical representations. Nonnus mentions one of this sort, which seems to have been a curious emblem of the Sun. It was engraved upon a jasper, and worn for a bracelet. Two serpents entwined together, with their heads different ways, were depicted in a semicircular manner round the extreme part of the gem. At

<sup>33</sup> Αἰγυπτος — ἐκλήθη Μυσαρα — καὶ Αἰρία, καὶ Ποταμιτις, καὶ ΑἸΤΙΑ, ἀπὸ τινος Ἰνδῆ Αἰτῆ. Stephanus Byzant.

Eustathius mentions, Καὶ Αἰτία, ἀπὸ τινος Ἰνδῆ Αἰτῆ. κτλ. In Dionysium. V. 239. p. 42.

<sup>34</sup> Orus Apollo stiles it in the Ionian manner Ηθ. L. i. c. 7. p. 10. Τοῦδε Ηθ καρδία.

<sup>35</sup> Αἰγυπτον δὲ γραφόντες, θυμιατηριον καιομενον ζωγραφῶσι, καὶ ἐπάνω καρδίαν. I. i. c. 22. p. 38. It also signified an eagle,

the



the top between their heads was an eagle; and beneath a sacred carriage, called Cemus.

<sup>35</sup> ΑΙΕΤΟΣ ἦν ΧΡΥΣΕΙΟΣ, ὅΤΕ ΠΛΑΤΥΝ ΗΕΞΑ ΤΕΜΝΩΝ,  
ΟΨΘΟΣ, ΕΧΙΔΝΑΙΩΝ ΔΙΔΥΜΩΝ ΜΕΣΣΗΓΥ ΚΑΡΗΝΩΝ,  
ΎΨΙΦΑΝΗΣ ΠΤΕΡΥΓΩΝ ΠΙΣΥΡΩΝ ΤΕΤΡΑΖΥΓΙ ΚΗΜΩ.  
Τῇ ΜΕΝ ΞΑΝΘΟΣ ΙΑΣΠΙΣ ΕΠΕΤΡΕΧΕ.

The history of Tityus, Prometheus, and many other poetical personages, was certainly taken from hieroglyphics misunderstood, and badly explained. Prometheus was worshiped by the Colchians as a Deity; and had a temple and high place, called <sup>36</sup> Πέτρα Τυφασονία, upon Mount Caucasus: and the device upon the portal was Egyptian, an eagle over a heart. The magnitude of these personages was taken from the extent of the temple inclosures. The words, *per tota novem cui jugera corpus Porrigitur*, relate to a garden of so many acres. There were many such inclosures, as I have before taken notice: some of them were beautifully planted, and ornamented with pavilions and fountains, and called Paradisi. One of this sort stood in Syria upon the river <sup>37</sup> Typhon, called afterwards Orontes. Places of this nature are alluded to under the description of the gardens of the Hesperides, and Alcinous; and the gardens of Ado-

<sup>35</sup> See the whole in Nonnus. L. 5. p. 148. It seems to have been a winged machine, which is called Κημος, from Cham the Sun. Hence the notion of the chariot of the Sun, and horses of the same.

<sup>36</sup> Καυκασὸς ἐν κημισί, Τυφασονίη ὅτε πέτρῃ. Apollonius Rhodius. L. 2. v. 1214.

<sup>37</sup> Typhon was a high place; but represented as a Giant, and supposed to be thunderstruck here, near the city Antioch. Strabo. L. 16. p. 1090. Here was Νυμφαῖον, σπηλαῖον τι ἱερὸν. P. 1091.



nis. Such were those at Phaneas in Palestine; and those beautiful gardens of Daphne upon the Orontes above mentioned; and in the shady parts of Mount Libanus. Those of Daphne are described by Strabo, who mentions,  
<sup>38</sup> Μεγα τε και συνηεφες αλσος, διαρρεομενον πηγαιοις υδασιν· εν μεσω δε Ασυλον τεμενος, και νεως Απολλωνοι και Αρτεμιδος. *There was a fine wide extended grove, which sheltered the whole place; and which was watered with numberless fountains. In the centre of the whole was a sanctuary and asylum, sacred to Artemis and Apollo.* The Groves of Daphne upon the mountains Heræi in Sicily, and the garden and temple at bottom were very noble; and are finely described by  
<sup>39</sup> Diodorus.

I have taken notice that the word δρακων, draco, was a mistake for Tarchon, Ταρχων: which was sometimes expressed Τραχων; as is observable in the Trachones at Damascus. When the Greeks understood that in these temples people worshiped a serpent Deity, they concluded that Trachon was a serpent: and hence came the name of Draco to be appropriated to such an animal. For the Draco was an imaginary being, however afterwards accepted and understood. This is manifest from Servius, who distributes the serpentine species into three tribes; and confines the Draco solely to temples: <sup>40</sup> Angues aquarum sunt, serpentes terrarum,

<sup>38</sup> Strabo. L. 16. p. 1089. He mentions a place near the fountains of the river Orontes called Paradisus: Μεχρι και των τε Οροντε πηγων, αι πλησιον τε τε Λι-  
 εαν· η) τε Παρδεισος. Strabo. L. 16. p. 1096.

<sup>39</sup> Diodorus Siculus. L. 4. p. 283.

<sup>40</sup> Servii Comment. in Virgil. Æneid. L. 2. v. 204.



**Dracones templorum.** That the notion of such animals took its rise from the temples of the Syrians and Egyptians, and especially from the Trachones, Τραχωνες, at Damascus, seems highly probable from the accounts above : and it may be rendered still more apparent from Damascenus, a supposed hero, who took his name from the city Damascene, or Damascus. He is represented as an earthborn giant, who encountered two dragons : <sup>41</sup> Καὶ χθονος ἀπλετον ὕια, δρακοντοφονον Δαμασηνα. One of the monsters, with which he fought, is described of an enormous size, πεντηκονταπελεθρος Οφίς, *a serpent in extent of fifty acres* : which certainly, as I have before insinuated, must have a reference to the grove and garden, wherein such Ophite temple stood at Damascus. For the general measurement of all these wonderful beings by <sup>42</sup> jugera or acres proves that such an estimate could not relate to any thing of solid contents ; but to an enclosure of that superficies. Of the same nature as these was the gigantic personage, supposed to have been seen at Gades by Cleon Magnesius. He made, it seems, no doubt of Tityus and other such monsters having existed. For being at Gades, he was ordered to go upon a certain expedition by Hercules : and upon his return to the island, he saw upon the shore a huge seam-an, who had been thunderstruck, and lay ex-

<sup>41</sup> Nonni Dionys. L. 25. p. 668.

<sup>42</sup> Tot jugera ventre prementem. Ovid. of the Pytho of Parnassus. Met. L. 1. v. 459.

See Pausanias. L. 10. p. 695. He says, the extent related to the place, ἐνθα ὁ Τίτυς ἐτεθῆ.



tended upon the ground: <sup>43</sup> *τουτον πλεθρα μεν πεντε μαλιστα επεχειν*; and his dimensions were not less than five acres. So Typhon, Caanthus, Orion, are said to have been killed by lightning. Orpheus too, who by some is said to have been torn to pieces by the Thracian women, by others is represented as slain by the bolt of Jupiter: and his epitaph imports as much.

<sup>44</sup> *Θρηϊκα χρυσολυγην τηδ' Ορφεα Μουσai εθαψαν,  
'Ον κτανεν υψιμεδων Ζευς ψολοεντι βελει.*

All these histories relate to sacred inclosures; and to the worship of the serpent, and rites of fire, which were practised within them. Such an inclosure was by the Greeks stiled <sup>45</sup> *τεμενος*, and the mound or high place *ταφος* and *τυμβος*; which had often a tower upon it, esteemed a sanctuary and asylum. Lycophron makes Cassandra say of Diomedes, <sup>46</sup> *ΤΥΜΒΟΣ δ' αυτον εκσωσει*: *the temple, to which he shall fly, shall save him*. In process of time both the word *τυμβος*, as well as *ταφος*, were no longer taken in their original sense; but supposed uniformly to have been places of sepulture. This has turned many temples into tombs: and the Deities, to whom they were sacred, have been represented as

<sup>43</sup> *Ὡς δὲ αὐθις ἐπανηκειν (τον Κλεοντα) ἐς τὰ Γαδειρά, ἀνδρὰ εὐρεῖν θαλασσίον ΕΚΙΠΕΠΤΩΚΟΤΑ ἐς τὴν γῆν· ταυτον πλεθρα μεν πεντε μαλιστα επεχειν, κεραυνωθεντα δὲ ὑπὸ τῆς θεᾶς κατεῶναι.* Pausan. L. 10. p. 806.

<sup>44</sup> Diogenes Laertius. Proœm. P. 5.

<sup>45</sup> *Τεμενος*· ἱερον χωριον ἀφωρισμενον Θεῷ. Scholia in Homer. Il. L. Γ. v. 696.

*Και τεμενος περιπτυτον Ἀμυκλαϊοιο Κατωῶν.* Dionysius. Περιτῆς. V. 13.

*Ἀσυλον τεμενος* at Daphne upon the Orontes. See above. P. 428.

<sup>46</sup> Lycophron. V. 613.



there buried. There was an Orphic Dracontium at Lesbos ; where a serpent was supposed to have been going to devour the remains of Orpheus : and this temple being of old stiled Petra, it was fabled of the serpent, that he was turned into stone.

<sup>47</sup> Hic ferus expositum peregrinis anguis arenis  
Os petit, et sparsos stillanti rore capillos.  
Tandem Phœbus adest : morsusque inferre parantem  
Arcet ; et in lapidem rictus serpentis apertos  
Congelat ; et patulos, ut erant, indurat hiatus.

All the poetical accounts of heroes engaging with dragons have arisen from a misconception about these towers and temples ; which those persons either founded, or else took in war. Or if they were Deities, of whom the story is told ; these buildings were erected to their honour. But the Greeks made no distinction. They were fond of Heroism ; and interpreted every ancient history according to their own prejudices : and in the most simple narrative could find out a martial atchievement. No colony could settle any where, and build an Ophite temple, but there was supposed to have been a contention between a hero and a dragon. Cadmus, as I have shewn, was described in conflict with such a one near Thebes ; whose teeth he sowed in the earth :

<sup>48</sup> οδοντας

Αονιοιο δρακοντος, ὃν ὠχυγῆν ἐνι Θηβῇ.

<sup>47</sup> Ovid. Metamorph. L. 11. V. 56.

<sup>48</sup> Apollonius Rhodius. L. 3. v. 1176.

Καδμος,



Καδμος, ὅτ' Ευρωπην διζήμενος εἰσαφικανε,  
Πεφνε.

Serpents are said to have infested <sup>49</sup> Cyprus, when it was occupied by its first inhabitants : and there was a fearful dragon in the isle of <sup>50</sup> Salamis. The Python of Parnassus is well known, which Apollo was supposed to have slain, when he was very young : a story finely told by Apollonius.

<sup>51</sup> Ὡς ποτε πετραιῇ ὑπο δειραδὶ Παρνησσοιο  
Δελφυνην τοξοῖσι πελωρίον ἐξεναρῖξε,

Κερος εὼν ἐτι γυμνος, ἐτι πλοκαμοῖσι γεγηθώς.

After all, this dragon was a serpent temple ; a tumbos, τυμβος, formed of earth, and esteemed of old oracular. To this Hyginus bears witness. <sup>52</sup> Python, Terræ filius, Draco ingens. Hic ante Apollinem ex oraculo in monte Parnasso responsa dare solitus est. Plutarch says, that the dispute between Apollo and the Dragon was about the privilege of the place.

<sup>53</sup> Οἱ Δελφῶν θεολογοὶ νομίζουσιν ἐνταυθα ποτε πρὸς οφιν τῷ Θεῷ περὶ τῆς χρηστῆς μαχὴν γενέσθαι. From hence we may perceive, that he was in reality the Deity of the temple ; though the Greeks made an idle distinction : and he was treated with divine honours. <sup>54</sup> Πυθοὶ μὲν οὖν ὁ Δρακὼν ὁ Πυθίος θρησκεύεται, καὶ τῆς Οφεως ἡ πανηγυρίς καταγγέλλεται

<sup>49</sup> Εἴ δ' ἐπ' ἔραν Δίᾳ φεύγων οφιδέα Κυπρον.

Parthenius, as corrected by Vossius. See Notes to Pompon. Mela. P. 391.

<sup>50</sup> Lycophron. V. 110.

<sup>51</sup> Apollonius Rhodius. L. 2. v. 707.

<sup>52</sup> Hyginus. Fab. 140.

<sup>53</sup> Plutarch de Oraculorum defectu. V. 1. p. 417.

<sup>54</sup> Clemens Alexand. Cohort. P. 29.



Πυθία. It is said moreover, that the seventh day was appointed for a festival in the temple, and celebrated with a Pæan to the <sup>55</sup> serpent.

We often read of virgins, who were exposed to dragons, and sea-monsters; and of dragons, which laid waste whole provinces, till they were at length by some person of prowess encountered, and slain. These histories relate to women, who were immured in towers by the sea-side; and to Banditti, who got possession of these places, from whence they infested the adjacent country. The <sup>56</sup> author of the Chronicon Paschale supposes, that Andromeda, whom the Poets describe as chained to a rock, and exposed to a sea-monster, was in reality confined in a temple of Neptune, a Petra of another sort. These dragons are represented as sleepless; because in such places there were commonly lamps burning, and a watch maintained. In those more particularly set apart for religious service, there was a fire, which never went out.

<sup>57</sup> Irrestringēta focus servant altaria flammās.

The dragon of Apollonius is ever watchful.

Ουδὲ οἱ ἡμᾶρ,

Οὐ κνεφᾶς ἡδύμιος ὕπνος ἀναιδεᾶ δαμναται οὐσε.

What the Poet stiles the eyes of the Dragon, were undoubtedly windows in the upper part of the building, through which the fire appeared. Plutarch takes notice, that in the

<sup>55</sup> Prolegomena to the Pyth. Odes of Pindar.

<sup>56</sup> P. 39.

<sup>57</sup> Silius Ital. L. 3. v. 29.



temple of Amon, there was a <sup>58</sup> light continually burning. The like was observable in other temples of the <sup>59</sup> Egyptians. Pausanias mentions the lamp of Minerva <sup>60</sup> Polias at Athens, which never went out : the same custom was kept up in most of the <sup>61</sup> Prutaneia. The Chaldeans and Persians had sacred hearths ; on which they preserved a <sup>62</sup> perpetual fire. In the temple of <sup>63</sup> Apollo Carneus at Cyrene the fire upon the altar was never suffered to be extinguished. A like account is given by Said Ebn Batrick of the sacred fire, which was preserved in the great temple at <sup>64</sup> Aderbain in Armenia. The Nubian Geographer mentions a nation in India, called <sup>65</sup> Caimachitæ, who had large Puratheia, and maintained a perpetual fire. According to the Levitical law, a constant fire was to be kept up upon the altar of God. <sup>66</sup> *The fire shall be ever burning upon the altar : it shall never go out.*

From what has preceded, we may perceive, that many personages have been formed out of places. And I cannot

<sup>58</sup> Λυχνιον ασβεστον. Plutarch de Defect. Orac. Vol. 1. p. 410.

<sup>59</sup> Porphy. de Abſtinentiâ. L. 2.

<sup>60</sup> L. 1. p. 63.

<sup>61</sup> Το δε λυχνιον εν Πρυτανειω. Theoc. Idyll. 21. v. 36.

Πυρος τε φεγγος αφηιτον κεκλημενον. Æsch. Χοηφοροι. V. 268.

<sup>62</sup> See Hyde Relig. Vet. Persarum : and Stanley upon the Chaldæic religion.

<sup>63</sup> Αει δε τοι αεναον πυρ. Callimach. Hymn to Apollo. V. 84.

<sup>64</sup> Vol. 2. P. 84.

<sup>65</sup> Clima. 4. p. 213.

<sup>66</sup> Leviticus. c. 6. v. 13. Hence the ξυλκοφορια ; a custom, by which the people were obliged to carry wood, to replenish the fire when decaying.



help suspecting much more of ancient history, than I dare venture to acknowledge. Of the mythic age I suppose almost every circumstance to have been imported, and adopted; or else to be a fable. I imagine, that Chiron, so celebrated for his knowledge, was a mere personage formed from a tower, or temple, of that name. It stood in Theffaly; and was inhabited by a set of priests, called Centauri. They were so denominated from the Deity, they worshiped, who was represented under a particular form. They stiled him Cahen-Taur: and he was the same as the Minotaur of Crete, and the Tauromen of Sicilia; consequently of an emblematical and mixed figure. The people, by whom this worship was introduced, were many of them Anakim; and are accordingly represented as of great strength and stature. Such persons among the people of the east were stiled <sup>67</sup> Nephelim: which the Greeks in after times supposed to relate to νεφελη, a cloud. In consequence of this, they described the Centaurs as born of a cloud: and not only the Centaurs, but Ixion, and others, were reputed of the same original. The chief city of the Nephelim stood in Theffaly, and is mentioned by <sup>68</sup> Palæphatus: but through the misconceptions of his countrymen it was expressed Νεφελη, Nephele, a cloud. The Grecians in general were of this race; as will be abundantly shewn. The Scholiast upon Lycophron men-

<sup>67</sup> It is said in the Scriptures, that *there were giants in the earth in those days; and also after that.* Genesis. c. 6. v. 4. The word in the original for giants is Nephelim.

<sup>68</sup> C. 2: p. 6.



tions, that the descendants of Hellen were by a woman named Nephele, whom Athamas was supposed to have married. <sup>69</sup> *Αθαμας ὁ Αἰολὸς τὸ Ἑλληνὸς παῖς ἐκ Νεφελῆς γεννᾷ Ἑλλήν, καὶ Φρύξον.* The author has made a distinction between Helle, and Hellen; the former of which he describes in the feminine. By Phrixus is meant Φρύξ, Phryx, who passed the Hellespont, and settled in Asia minor. However obscured the history may be, I think the purport of it is plainly this, that the Hellenes, and Phrygians were of the Nephelim or Anakim race. Chiron was a temple, probably at Nephele in Thessalia, the most ancient seat of the Nephelim. His name is a compound of Chir-On, in purport the same as Kir-On, the tower and temple of the Sun. In places of this sort people used to study the heavenly motions: and they were made use of for seminaries, where young people were instructed; on which account they were stiled *παιδοτροφοί*. Hence Achilles was supposed to have been taught by <sup>70</sup> Chiron, who is reported to have had many disciples. They are enumerated by Xenophon in his treatise upon hunting, and amount to a large number. <sup>71</sup> *Ἐγενοντο αὐτῷ μαθηταὶ κυνηγεσιῶν τε, καὶ ἑτέρων καλῶν, Κεφαλός, Ἀσκληπίος, Μελανίων, Νεσῶρ, Ἀμφιαράος, Πηλεὺς, Τελαμών, Μελέαγρος, Θησεύς, Ἴππολυτός, Παλαμῆδης, Ὀδυσσεύς, Μενέσθεύς, Διομήδης, Κάσῶρ, Πολυδευκής, Μαχάων, Πόδαλειρος, Ἀντίλοχος, Αἰνείας, Ἀχιλλεύς.* Jason is by Pindar made to

<sup>69</sup> V. 22.

<sup>70</sup> Orphic. Argonaut. V. 395.

<sup>71</sup> De Venatione. P. 972.



say of himself, <sup>72</sup> Φαμι διδασκαλιαν Χειρωνος οισειν : and the same circumstance is mentioned in another place ; <sup>73</sup> Κρονίδα δε τραφεν Χειρωνι δωκαν (Ιασονα). These histories could not be true of Chiron as a person : for, unless we suppose him to have been, as the Poets would persuade us, of a different species from the rest of mankind, it will be found impossible for him to have had pupils in such different ages. For not only Æsculapius, mentioned in this list, but Apollo likewise learnt of him the medicinal arts. <sup>74</sup> Ασκληπιος και Απολλων παρα Χειρωνι τω Κενταυρω ιαθαι διδασκονται. Xenophon indeed, who was aware of this objection, says, that the term of Chiron's life was sufficient for the performance of all, that was attributed to him : <sup>75</sup> Ο Χειρωνος βιος πασιν εξηκει. Ζεὺς γαρ και Χειρων αδελφοι : but he brings nothing in proof of what he alledges. It is moreover incredible, were we to suppose such a being as Chiron, that he should have had pupils from so many different <sup>76</sup> countries. Besides many of them, who are mentioned, were manifestly ideal personages. For not to speak of Cephalus and Castor, Apollo was a Deity ; and Æsculapius was the <sup>77</sup> like : by some indeed esteemed the son of the former ; by others introduced rather as a title, and

<sup>72</sup> Pyth. Ode 4: p. 244.

<sup>73</sup> Ibid: p. 246.

<sup>74</sup> Justin. Martyr de Monarchiâ. P: 42:

<sup>75</sup> De Venat. P. 972.

<sup>76</sup> Æsculapius was of Egypt. Cephalus is said to have lived in the time of Cecrops αυτοχθων: or, as some say, in the time of Erectheus ; many centuries before Antilochus and Achilles, who were at the siege of Troy.

<sup>77</sup> Æsculapius was the Sun. Euseb. Præp. Evang. L. 3. p. 112.



annexed to the names of different Gods. Aristides uses it as such in his invocation of <sup>78</sup> Hercules: *Ἰω, Παιῶν, Ἡρακλῆς, Ἀσκληπιε*: and he also speaks of the temple of Jupiter Æsculapius, *Δίος Ἀσκληπιῆς νεώς*. It was idle therefore in the Poets to suppose that these personages could have been pupils to Chiron. Those, that were instructed, whoever they may have been, partook only of Chironian education; and were taught in the same kind of academy: but not by one person, nor probably in the same place. For there were many of these towers, where they taught astronomy, music, and other sciences. These places were likewise courts of judicature, where justice was administered: whence Chiron was said to have been *φιλοφρονέων, καὶ δικαιοτάτος*:

<sup>79</sup> *Ὀν Χείρων ἐδίδαξε δικαιοτάτος Κενταυρῶν.*

The like character is given of him by Hermippus of Berytus.

<sup>80</sup> *Οὗτος*

*Εἰς τε δικαιοσύνην θνητῶν γένος ἡγάγε, δείξας*

*Ὀρκόν, καὶ θυσίας ἱλαράς, καὶ σχηματ' Ὀλύμπου.*

Right was probably more fairly determined in the Chironian temples, than in others. Yet the whole was certainly attended with some instances of cruelty: for human sacrifices are mentioned as once common, especially at Pella in Thessaly; where if they could get a person, who was an Achean

<sup>78</sup> Oratio in Herculem. Vol. 1. p. 64. Oratio in Æsculapium. P. 67.

<sup>79</sup> Homer. Iliad. A. V. 831.

<sup>80</sup> Clemens Alexand. Strom. L. 1. p. 361.



by birth, they used to offer him at the altars of Peleus and <sup>81</sup> Chiron.

There were many edifices denominated Chironian, and sacred to the Sun. Charon was of the same purport, and etymology; and was sacred to the same Deity. One temple of this name, and the most remarkable of any, stood opposite to Memphis on the western side of the Nile. It was near the spot, where most people of consequence were buried. There is a tower in this province, but at some distance from the place here spoken of, called <sup>82</sup> Kiroon at this day. As Charon was a temple near the catacombs, or place of burial, all the persons, who were brought to be there deposited, had an offering made on their account, upon being landed on this shore. Hence arose the notion of the fee of Charon, and of the ferryman of that name. This building stood upon the banks of a canal, which communicated with the Nile: but that, which is now called Kiroon, stands at some distance to the west, upon the lake <sup>83</sup> Mœris; where only the kings of Egypt had a right of sepulture. The region of the catacombs was called the Acheronian and <sup>84</sup> Acherusian plain, and likewise the Elyfian: and the stream, which ran by it, had the name of Acheron. They are often alluded to by Homer, and other Poets, when they treat of the region of

<sup>81</sup> Μοιμος δ' εἰσφέρει, ἐν τῇ τῶν θαυμασίων συναγωγῇ, ἐν Πελλῇ τῆς Θετταλίας. Ἀχαιοὺν ἀνθρώπου Πηλεὶ καὶ Χείρωνι καταθῆναι. Clementis Cohort. P. 36.

<sup>82</sup> Pocock's Travels. V. i. p. 65.

<sup>83</sup> Pocock's Travels. Ibid.

<sup>84</sup> Παρὰ τὴν λιμνὴν τὴν καλεμένην Ἀχερῆσιαν. Diodorus Sic. L. i. p. 86.

departed:



departed souls. The Amonians conferred these names upon other places, where they settled, in different parts of the world. They are therefore to be met with in <sup>85</sup> Phrygia, <sup>86</sup> Epirus, <sup>87</sup> Hellas, <sup>88</sup> Apulia, <sup>89</sup> Campania, and other countries. The libri <sup>90</sup> Acherontii in Italy, mentioned by Arnobius, were probably transcripts from some hieroglyphical writings, which had been preserved in the Acherontian towers of the Nile. These were carried by Tages to Hetruria; where they were held in great veneration.

As towers of this sort were seminaries of learning, Homer from one of them has formed the character of sage Mentor; under whose resemblance the Goddess of wisdom was supposed to be concealed. By Mentor, I imagine, that the Poet covertly alludes to a temple of Menes. It is said, that Homer in an illness was cured by one <sup>91</sup> Mentor, the son of *Αλκιμος*, Alcimus. The person probably was a Mentorian priest, who did him this kind office, if there be any truth in the story. It was from an oracular temple stiled Mentor;

<sup>85</sup> In Phrygiâ—juxta specus est Acherusia, ad manes, ut aiunt, pervius. Mela. L. 1. c. 19. p. 100.

<sup>86</sup> River Acheron, and lake Acherusia in Epirus. Pausan. L. 1. p. 40. Strabo. L. 7. p. 499. Thucydides. L. 1. p. 34.

<sup>87</sup> Near Corinth Acherusia. Pausan. L. 2. p. 196.

In Elis Acheron. Strabo. L. 8. p. 530.

<sup>88</sup> Celsæ nidum Acherontiae. Horat. L. 3. Ode. 4. v. 14.

<sup>89</sup> Near Avernus. In like manner there were *πεδία Ηλυσια* in Egypt, Messenia, and in the remoter parts of Iberia. See Plutarch in Sertorio, and Strabo. L. 3. p. 223.

<sup>90</sup> Also Libri Tarquitiani Aruspicum Hetruscorum; so denominated from Tar-Cushman. Marcellinus. L. 25. c. 2. p. 322.

<sup>91</sup> Herodot. Vit. Hom. C. 3.

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and Man-Tor, that the sacred cakes had the name of Amphimantora. <sup>92</sup> *Ἀμφιμαντορα, αλφίτα μελίτι δεδευμένα.*

Castor, the supposed disciple of Chiron, was in reality the same as Chiron; being a sacred tower, a Chironian edifice, which served both for a temple and Pharos. As these buildings for the most part stood on strands of the sea, and promontories; Castor was esteemed in consequence of it a tutelary Deity of that element. The name seems to be a compound of Ca-Astor, the temple or place of Astor; who was rendered at different times Asterius, Asterion, and Astarte. Ca-Astor was by the Greeks abbreviated to Castor; which in its original sense I should imagine betokened a fire-tower: but the Greeks in this instance, as well as in innumerable others, have mistaken the place and temple for the Deity, to whom it was consecrated. The whole history of Castor and Pollux, the two Dioscuri, is very strange, and inconsistent. Sometimes they are described as two mortals of Lacedæmon, who were guilty of violence and rapine, and were slain for their wickedness. At other times they are represented as the two principal Deities; and stiled Dii Magni, Dii Maximi, Dii Potentes, Cabeiri. Mention is made by Pausanias of the great regard paid to them, and particularly by the Cephallenæes. <sup>93</sup> *Μεγάλους γὰρ σφας οἱ ταυτῇ Θεοῖς ὀνομαζουσιν.* *The people there stile them by way of eminence the Great Gods.* There are altars extant, which are inscribed <sup>94</sup> CASTORI ET POLLUCI DIIS MAGNIS.

<sup>92</sup> Hesychius.

<sup>93</sup> L. i. p. 77.

<sup>94</sup> Fleetwood's Inscript. P. 42.



In <sup>95</sup> Gruter is a Greek inscription to the same purport. Γαίος Γαίη Αχαιεύς Ἰερεὺς γενομένης Θεῶν Μεγάλων Διοσκουρῶν Καθεύων. But though Castor was enshrined, as a God, he was properly a Tarchon, such as I have before described; and had all the requisites, which are to be found in such buildings. They were the great repositories of treasure; which people there entrusted, as to places of great security. The temple of Castor was particularly famous on this account, as we may learn from Juvenal:

<sup>96</sup> Æratâ multus in arcâ.

Fiscus, et ad vigilem ponendi Castora nummi.

The Deity, who was alluded to under the name of Castor, was the Sun: and he had several temples of that denomination in Laconia, and other parts of Greece. His rites were first introduced by people from Egypt, and Canaan. This we may infer among other circumstances from the title of Anac being so particularly conferred on him and his brother Pollux: whence their temple was stiled *Ανακειον* in Laconia; and their festival at Athens *ανακεια*, *anakeia*. For Anac was a Canaanitish term of honour; which the Greeks changed to *αναξ* and <sup>97</sup> *ανακτες*. I have before mentioned, that in these places were preserved the Archives of the cities, and provinces, in which they stood: and they were

<sup>95</sup> P. 319. n. 2.

<sup>96</sup> Sat. 14. v. 259.

<sup>97</sup> Pausanias. L. 2. p. 161, 162.

There was a hill called Anakeion: *Ανακειον ορος, η των Διοσκουρων Ιερον.* Suidas.

It is said of the celebrated Polygnotus, that he painted *τας εν τω θησαυρω και εν τω Ανακειω γραφας*. Harpocration. The treasury we may suppose to have been a part of the temple.

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often made use of for courts of judicature, called *πρυτανεία*, and *prætoria*; whither the ancient people of the place resorted, to determine about right and wrong. Hence it is that Castor and Pollux, two names of the same personage, were supposed to preside over judicial affairs. This department does but ill agree with the general and absurd character, under which they are represented: for what has horsemanship and boxing to do with law and equity? But these were mistaken attributes, which arose from a misapplication of history. Within the precincts of their temples was a parade for boxing and wrestling; and often an Hippodromus. Hence arose these attributes, by which the Poets celebrated these personages:

<sup>98</sup> *Κασοῖα θ' Ἴπποδαμον, καὶ πύξ ἀγαθὸν Πολυδευκεα.*

The Deity, originally referred to, was the Sun. As he was the chief Deity, he must necessarily have been esteemed the supervisor and arbitrator of all sublunary things:

<sup>99</sup> *Ἡελίος, ὃς παντ' ἐφορεῖ, καὶ παντ' ἐπακροῖ.*

On this account the same province of supreme judge was conferred on his substitute Castor, in conjunction with his brother Pollux: and they were accordingly looked upon as the conservators of the rights of mankind. Cicero makes a noble appeal to them in his seventh oration against Verres; and enlarges upon the great department, of which they were presumed to be possessed: at the same time mentioning the treasures, which were deposited in their temples. <sup>100</sup> *Vos omnium rerum forensium,*

<sup>98</sup> Homer. *Iliad*. Γ. v. 237:

<sup>99</sup> Homer. *Odyss.* Μ. v. 323:

<sup>100</sup> Cicero in *Verrem*. Orat. 7. Sect. ult.



confiliorum maximorum, legum, judiciôrumque arbitri, et testes, celeberrimo in loco PRÆTORII locati, Castor et Pollux; quorum ex templo quæstum sibi iste (Verres) et prædam maximam improbiſſime comparavit—teque, Ceres, et Libera—a quibus initia vitæ atque victûs, legum, morum; manſuetudinis, humanitatis exempla hominibus et civitatibus data ac diſpertita eſſe dicuntur. Thus we find that they are at the cloſe joined with Ceres, and Libera; and ſpoken of as the civilizers of the world: but their peculiar province was law and judicature.

Many inſtances to the ſame purpoſe might be produced; ſome few of which I will lay before the reader. Trophœ-nius, like Chiron and Caſtor, was a ſacred tower; being compounded of Tor-Oph-On, Solis Pythonis turris, rendered Trophon, and Trophonius. It was an oracular temple, ſituated near a vaſt cavern: and the reſponſes were given by dreams. Tireſias, that ancient prophet, was an edifice of the ſame nature: and the name is a compound of Tor-Ees, and Tor-Aſis; from whence the Greeks formed the word Tireſias. He is generally eſteemed a diviner, or ſoothſayer, to whom people applied for advice: but it was to the temple that they applied, and to the Deity, who was there ſuppoſed to reſide. He was moreover ſaid to have lived nine ages: till he was at laſt taken by the Epigoni, when he died. The truth is, there was a tower of this name at Thebes, built by the Amonians, and ſacred to the God Orus. It ſtood nine ages, and was then demolished. It was afterwards repaired, and made uſe of for a place of augury: and its ſituation

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was close to the temple of Amon. <sup>101</sup> Θηβαίοις δὲ μετὰ τῷ Ἀμμωνοῦ τὸ Ἱερόν, οἰωνοσκοπεῖον τε Τειρεσίῃ καλεῖται. Tiresias according to Apollodorus was the son of Eueres, <sup>102</sup> Εὐήρης, or, according to the true Dorian pronunciation, Euares, the same as the Egyptian Uc Arez, the Sun. He is by Hyginus stiled <sup>103</sup> Eurimi filius; and in another place Eurii filius, Pastor: Eurius, Eurimus, Euarez, are all names of the Sun, or places sacred to him; but changed to terms of relation by not being understood. Tiresias is additionally stiled Pastor; because all the Amonian Deities, as well as their princes, were called Shepherds: and those, who came originally from Chaldea, were stiled the children of Ur, or Urius.

By the same analogy we may trace the true history of Terambus, the Deity of Egypt, who was called the Shepherd Terambus. The name is a compound of Tor-Ambus, or Tor-Ambi, the oracular tower of Ham. He is said to have been the son of Eufires, <sup>104</sup> Εὐσεῖρος τῷ Ποσειδῶνι; and to have come over, and settled in Thessaly near mount Othrys. According to Antoninus Liberalis he was very rich in flocks; and a great musician, and particularly expert in all pastoral measure. To him they attributed the invention of the pipe. The meaning of the history is, I think, too plain, after what has preceded, to need a comment. It is fabled of him, that he was at last turned into a bird called Cerambis, or Cerambix.

<sup>101</sup> Pausanias. L. 9. p. 741.

<sup>102</sup> Apollodorus. L. 3. p. 154.

<sup>103</sup> Hyginus. Fab. 68, and 75.

<sup>104</sup> Antonin. Liberalis Metamorph. c. 22.



Terambus and Cerambis are both ancient terms of the same purport: the one properly expressed is Tor-Ambi; the other Cer-Ambi, the oracular temple of the Sun.

I have taken notice that towers of this sort were the repositories of much treasure; and they were often consecrated to the Ophite Deity, called Opis and Oupis. It is the same, which Callimachus addresses by the title of <sup>105</sup> Ουπι, Αναστ' ευωπι: and of whom Cicero speaks, and styles Upis: <sup>106</sup> quam Græci Upim paterno nomine appellant. The temple was hence called Kir-Upis; which the Grecians abridged to Γρυπες: and finding many of the Amonian temples in the north, with the device of a winged serpent upon the frontal, they gave this name to the hieroglyphic. Hence, I imagine, arose the notion of Γρυπες, or Gryphons; which, like the dragons abovementioned, were supposed to be guardians of treasure, and to never sleep. The real conservators of the wealth were the priests. They kept up a perpetual fire, and an unextinguished light in the night. From Kir Upis, the place of his residence, a priest was named Grupis; and from Kir-Uph-On, Gryphon. The Poets have represented the Grupes as animals of the serpentine kind; and supposed them to have been found in countries of the Arimaspian, Alazonians, Hyperboreans, and other the most northern regions, which the Amonians possessed. In some of

<sup>105</sup> Hymn. in Dian. V. 204.

<sup>106</sup> Cicero de Nat. Deorum. L. 3. 23.

She is supposed to be the same as Diana. Καλεσι δε την Αρτεμιν Θρακες Βερδεια, Κρητες δε Δικτυαν, Λακεδαιμονιοι δε Ουπιν. Palæphatus. C. 32. p. 78.



the temples women officiated, who were denominated from the Deity, they served. The Scholiast upon Callimachus calls the chief of them Opis; and styles her, and her associates, Κορασ<sup>107</sup> Ὑπερβορεως, Hyperborean young women. The Hyperboreans, Alazonians, Arimaspians, were Scythic nations of the same family. All the stories about Prometheus, Chimæra, Medusa, Pegasus, Hydra, as well as of the Grupes, or Gryphons, arose in great measure from the sacred devices upon the entablatures of temples.

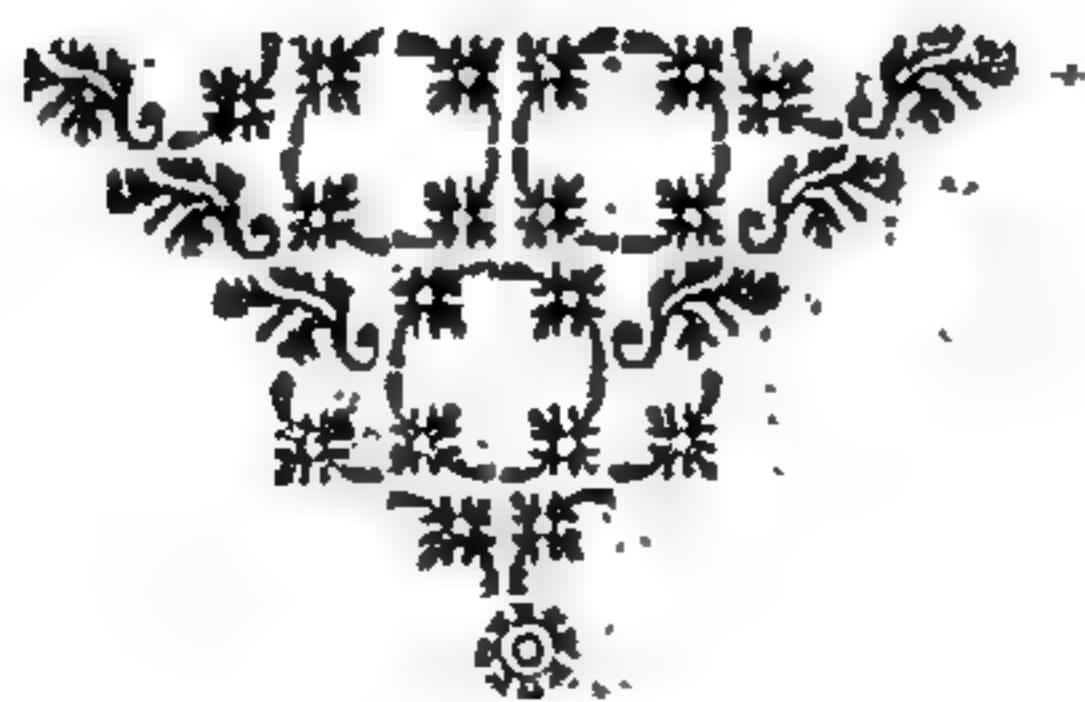
<sup>107</sup> Scholia in Callimach. Hymn. in Dianam. V. 204.

Ωπις, καὶ Ἑκαεργην—ἐκ τῶν Ὑπερβορεων. Pausan. L. 5. p. 392.

Metuenda feris Hecaerge,

Et Soror, optatum numen venantibus, Opis.

Claudian in Laudes Stilic. L. 3. v. 253.









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## TAPH, TUPH, TAPHOS.

**T**HERE was another name current among the Amonians, by which they called their *λοφοι*, or high places. This was Taph; which at times was rendered Tuph, Toph, and Taphos. Lower Egypt being a flat, and annually overflowed, the natives were forced to raise the soil, on which they built their principal edifices, in order to secure them from the inundation: and many of their sacred towers were erected upon conical mounds of earth. But there were often hills of the same form constructed for religious purposes, upon which there was no building. These were very common in Egypt. Hence we read of Taphanis, or Taph-Hanes, Taph-Ofiris, Taph-Ofiris parva, and contra Taphias, in Antoninus; all of this country. In other parts were Taphiousa, Tape, Taphura, Tapor, Taphus, Taphosus, Taphitis. All these names relate to high altars, upon which they used oftentimes to offer human sacrifices. Typhon was one of these; being a compound of Taph-On, which signifies the hill or altar of the Sun. Tophet, where the Israelites made their children pass through



fire to <sup>1</sup> Moloch, was a mount of this form. And there seem to have been more than one of this denomination ; as we learn from the prophet Jeremiah. <sup>2</sup> *They have built the high places of Tophet, which is in the valley of the son of Hinnom, to burn their sons, and their daughters in the fire.* And in another place : *They have built also the high places of Baal, to burn their sons with fire for burnt-offerings unto Baal.* These cruel operations were generally performed upon mounts of this sort ; which from their conical figure were named Tuph, and Tupha. It seems to have been a term current in many countries. The high Persian <sup>3</sup> bonnet had the same name from its shape : and Bede mentions a particular kind of standard in his time ; which was made of plumes in a globular shape, and called in like manner, <sup>4</sup> *Tupha, vexilli genus, ex confertis plumarum globis.* There was probably a tradition, that the calf, worshiped by the Israelites in the wilderness near Horeb, was raised upon a sacred mound, like those described above : for Philo Judæus says, that it was exhibited after the model of an Egyptian Tuphos : <sup>5</sup> *Αἰγυπτιακὸν μίμημα Τυφῶς.* This I do not take to have been a Grecian word ; but the name of a sacred orbicular mount, analogous to the Touphas of Persis.

<sup>1</sup> 2 Kings. c. 23. v. 10. 2 Chron. c. 28. v. 3.

<sup>2</sup> C. 7. v. 31. and c. 19. v. 5. There was a place named Tophel (Toph-El) near Paran upon the Red sea. Deuteron. c. 1. v. 1.

<sup>3</sup> Zonar. Vol. 2. p. 227. Τῦφαν καλεῖ ὁ δημῶδης καὶ πολὺς ἀνδρωπῶς.

<sup>4</sup> Bedæ Hist. Angliæ. L. 2. c. 16.

<sup>5</sup> De legibus specialibus. P. 320.

The Greek term τυφῶς, fumus, vel fastus, will hardly make sense, as introduced here.



The Amonians, when they settled in Greece, raised many of these Tupha, or Tapha in different parts. These beside their original name were still farther denominated from some title of the Deity, to whose honour they were erected. But as it was usual in ancient times to bury persons of distinction under heaps of earth formed in this fashion; these Tapha came to signify tombs: and almost all the sacred mounds, raised for religious purposes, were looked upon as monuments of deceased heroes. Hence <sup>6</sup> Taph-Ofiris was rendered ταφος, or the burying place of the God Ofiris: and as there were many such places in Egypt and Arabia, sacred to Ofiris and Dionusus; they were all by the Greeks esteemed places of sepulture. Through this mistake many different nations had the honour attributed to them of these Deities being interred in their country. The tumulus of the Latines was mistaken in the same manner. It was originally a sacred hillock; and was often raised before temples, as an altar; such as I have before described. It is represented in this light by Virgil:

<sup>7</sup> Est urbe egressis tumulus, templumque vetustum

Desertæ Cereris; juxtaque antiqua cupressus.

In process of time the word tumulus was in great measure looked upon as a tomb; and tumulo signified to bury. The Greeks speak of numberless sepulchral monuments, which they have thus misinterpreted. They pretended to shew the tomb of <sup>8</sup> Dionusus at Delphi; also of Deucalion, Pyrrha,

<sup>6</sup> Plutarch. Isis et Osiris. V. 1. p. 359.

<sup>7</sup> Virgil. Æn. L. 2. v. 713.

<sup>8</sup> Την ταφην (Διονυσου) ειναι φασιν εν Δελφοις παρα των Χρυσων Απολλωνα. Cyril. cont. Julian. L. 1. p. 11.



Orion, in other places. They imagined that Jupiter was buried in Crete: which Callimachus supposes to have been a forgery of the natives.

<sup>9</sup> Κρητες αει ψευσαι· και γαρ ταφον, ω Ανα, σεις

Κρητες ετεκτηναντο, συ δ' ου θανες, εσσι γαρ αει.

I make no doubt, but that there was some high place in Crete, which the later Greeks, and especially those, who were not of the country, mistook for a tomb. But it certainly must have been otherwise esteemed by those, who raised it: for it is not credible, however blind idolatry may have been, that people should enshrine persons as immortal, where they had the plainest evidences of their mortality. An inscription *Viro Immortali* was in a stile of flattery too refined for the simplicity of those ages. If divine honours were conferred, they were the effects of time, and paid at some distance; not upon the spot, at the vestibule of the charnel-house. Besides it is evident, that most of the deified personages never existed: but were mere titles of the Deity, the Sun; as has been in great measure proved by Macrobius. Nor was there ever any thing of such detriment to ancient history, as the supposing that the Gods of the Gentile world had been natives of the countries, where they were worshiped. They have by these means been admitted into the annals of times: and it has been the chief study of the learned to register the legendary stories concerning them; to conciliate absurdities, and to arrange the whole in a chronolo-

<sup>9</sup> Callimach. Hymn. in Jovem. V. 3.

Ωδε μεγας κειται Ζαν, ον Δια κικλησκεισι.

Porphyr. Vita Pythagoræ. P. 20.



gical series. A fruitless labour, and inexplicable: for there are in all these fables such inconsistencies, and contradictions, as no art, nor industry, can remedy. Hence all, who have expended their learning to this purpose, are in opposition to one another; and often at variance with themselves. Some of them by these means have rendered their works, which might have been of infinite use to the world, little better than the reveries of Mons<sup>r</sup>. Voltaire. The greatest part of the Grecian theology arose from misconceptions and blunders: and the stories concerning their Gods and Heroes were founded on terms misinterpreted and abused. Thus from the word *ταφος*, taphos, which they adopted in a limited sense, they formed a notion of their gods having been buried in every place, where there was a tumulus to their honour. This misled bishop Cumberland, Usher, Pearson, Petavius, Scaliger, with numberless other learned men; and among the foremost the great Newton. This extraordinary genius has greatly impaired the excellent system, upon which he proceeded, by admitting these fancied beings into chronology. We are so imbued in our childhood with notions of Mars, Hercules, and the rest of the celestial outlaws, that we scarce ever can lay them aside. We absolutely argue upon Pagan principles: and though we cannot believe the fables, which have been transmitted to us; yet we forget ourselves continually; and make inferences from them, as if they were real. In short, till we recollect ourselves, we are semi-pagans. It gives one pain to see men of learning, and principle, debating which was the Jupiter, who lay with Semele; and whether it was the same, that outwitted Amphitryon.

This.



This is not, says a critic, the Hermes, who cut off Argus's head ; but one of later date, who turned Battus into a stone. I fancy, says another, that this was done, when Io was turned into a cow. It is said of Jupiter, that he made the night, in which he enjoyed Alcmena, as long as <sup>10</sup> three ; or, as some say, as long as nine. The Abbe <sup>11</sup> Banier with some phlegm excepts to this coalition of nights ; and is unwilling to allow it. But he is afterwards more complying ; and seems to give it his sanction, with this proviso, that chronological verity be not thereby impeached. *I am of opinion,* says he, *that there was no foundation for the fable of Jupiter's having made the night, on which he lay with Alcmena, longer than others : at least this event put nothing in nature out of order ; since the day, which followed, was proportionably shorter, as Plautus <sup>12</sup> remarks.*

Atque quanto nox fuisti longior hâc proximâ,  
 Tanto brevior dies ut fiat, faciam ; ut æque disparet,  
 Et dies e nocte accedat.

Were it not invidious, I could subjoin names to every article, which I have alledged ; and produce numberless instances to the same purpose.

It may be said, that I run counter to the opinions of all antiquity : that all the fathers, who treated of this subject, and many other learned men, supposed the Gods of the hea-

<sup>10</sup> Hence Hercules was stiled Τρισπερος. Lycoph. V. 33.

Zeus τρεις ἑσπερας εις μιαν μεταβαλων συνεκαθευδε τη Αλκμηνη. Schol. ibid.

<sup>11</sup> Abbe Banier. Mythology of the Ancients explained. Vol. 4. B. 3. c. 6. p. 77, 78. Translation.

<sup>12</sup> Plaut. Amphitryo. Act. 1. S. 3.



then to have been deified mortals, who were worshiped in the countries, where they died. It was the opinion of Clemens, Eusebius, Cyril, Tertullian, Athenagoras, Epiphanius, Lactantius, Arnobius, Julius Firmicus, and many others. What is more to the purpose, it was the opinion of the heathen themselves; the very people, by whom these gods were honoured: yet still it is a mistake. In respect to the fathers, the whole of their argument turns upon this point, the concessions of the Gentiles. The more early writers of the church were not making a strict chronological inquiry: but were labouring to convert the heathen. They therefore argue with them upon their own principles; and confute them from their own testimony. The Romans had their *Dii Immortales*; the Greeks their *Θεοὶ Ἀθάνατοι*: yet acknowledged, that they had been men; that they died, and were buried. Cicero owns; <sup>13</sup> *ab Euhemero et mortes, et sepulturæ demonstrantur deorum*. It matters not whether the notion were true; the fathers very fairly make use of it. They avail themselves of these concessions; and prove from them the absurdity of the Gentile worship, and the inconsistency of their opinions. Even Maximus Tyrius, the Platonist, could not but smile, at being shewn in the same place the temple, and tomb of the deity <sup>14</sup>; *ἱερόν Θεῶν, καὶ τάφον Θεῶν*. These supposed places of sepulture were so numerous, that Clemens Alexandrinus tells us, they were not

<sup>13</sup> Cicero de Nat. Deor. L. i. c. 42.

*Ἀλλὰ καὶ τάφον αὐτῶν (Ζηνὸς) δεικνύουσι.* Lucian. de Sacrificiis. V. i. p. 355.

<sup>14</sup> Maximus Tyrius. Dissert. 38. p. 85.



to be counted. <sup>15</sup> ΑΛΛΑ γὰρ ἐπιόντι μοι τὰς προσκυνεζμενὰς ὑμῖν τάφους, ἐμοὶ μὲν οὐδ' ὁ πᾶς ἀν ἀρκέσῃ χρόνος. But after all, these Τάφοι were not tombs, but λοφοὶ μαζοειδεῖς, conical mounds of earth ; on which in the first ages offerings were made by fire. Hence τυφῶ, tupho, signified to make a smoke, such as arose from incense upon these Tupha, or eminences. Besides, if these were deified men, who were buried under these hills ; how can we explain the difficulty of the same person being buried in different places, and at different times ? To this it is answered, that it was another Bacchus, and another Jupiter. Yet this still adds to the difficulty : for it is hard to conceive, that whoever in any country had the name of Jupiter, should be made a God. Add to this, that Homer and Hesiod, and the authors of the Orphic poetry, knew of no such duplicates. There is no hint of this sort among the ancient writers of their nation. It was a refinement in after ages ; introduced to obviate the difficulties, which arose from the absurdities in the pagan system. Arnobius justly ridicules the idle expedients, made use of to render a base theology plausible. Gods, of the same name and character, were multiplied to make their fables consistent ; that there might be always one ready at hand upon any chronological emergency. Hence no difficulty could arise about a Deity, but there might be one produced, adapted to all climes, and to every age. <sup>16</sup> Aiunt Theologi vestri, et vetustatis absconditæ conditores, tres in rerum na-

<sup>15</sup> Clementis Cohort. P. 40.

<sup>16</sup> Arnobius contra Gentes. L. 4. p. 135. Clem. Alexand. Cohort. P. 24.



turâ Joves esse——quinque Soles, et Mercurios quinque. Aiunt iidem Theologi quatuor esse Vulcanos, et tres Dianas; Æsculapios totidem, et Dionysos quinque; ter binos Hercules, et quatuor Veneres; tria genera Castorum, totidemque Musarum. But Arnobius is too modest. Other writers insist upon a greater variety. In respect to Jupiters, Varro according to Tertullian makes them in number three hundred.<sup>17</sup> Varro trecentos Joves, five Jupiteres, dicendum, —— introducitur. The same writer mentions forty heroes of the name of Hercules; all which variety arose from the causes above assigned: and the like multiplicity may be found both of kings and heroes; of kings, who did not reign; of heroes, who never existed. The same may be observed in the accounts transmitted of their most early prophets, and poets: scarce any of them stand single: there are duplicates of every denomination. On this account it is highly requisite for those, who suppose these personages to have been men, and make inferences from the circumstances of their history, to declare explicitly, which they mean; and to give good reasons for their determination. It is said of Jupiter, that he was the son of Saturn; and that he carried away Europa, before the arrival of Cadmus. He had afterwards an amour with Semele, the supposed daughter of Cadmus: and they mention his having a like intimacy with Alcmena an age or two later. After this he got acquainted with Leda, the wife of Tyndarus: and he had children at the siege of

<sup>17</sup> Tertullian. Apolog. c. 14.

Πευσονται δε σε καγω, ω ανθρωπε, ποσοι Ζηνες ευρισκονται. Theoph. ad Autolyc. l. 1. p. 344.



Troy. If we may believe the poets, and all our intelligence comes originally from the poets, Jupiter was personally interested in that war. But this interval contains little less than two hundred years. These therefore could not be the actions of one man: on which account I want to know, why Sir Isaac Newton<sup>18</sup> in his chronological interpretations chooses to be determined by the story of Jupiter and Europa, rather than by that of Jupiter and Leda. The learned<sup>19</sup> Pezron has pitched upon a Jupiter above one thousand years earlier, who was in like manner the son of Saturn. But Saturn, according to some of the best mythologists, was but four generations inclusive before the æra of Troy. Latinus, the son of Faunus, was alive some years after that city had been taken; when Æneas was supposed to have arrived in Italy. The poet tells us, <sup>20</sup> *Fauno Picus pater: isque parentem Te, Saturne, refert; Tu sanguinis ultimus auctor.* The series amounts only to four, Latinus, Faunus, Picus, Saturn. What authority has Pezron for the anticipation of which he is guilty in determining the reign of Jupiter? and how can he reconcile these contradictory histories? He ought to have given some good reason for setting aside the more common and accepted accounts; and placing these events so<sup>21</sup> early. Shall we suppose with the critics and commentators that this was a prior Jupiter? If it were a different person,

<sup>18</sup> Newton's Chronology. P. 151.

<sup>19</sup> Pezron. Antiquities of nations. c. 10, 11, 12.

<sup>20</sup> Virgil. *Æn.* L. 7. v. 48.

<sup>21</sup> Sir Isaac Newton supposes Jupiter to have lived after the division of the kingdoms in Israel; Pezron makes him antecedent to the birth of Abraham, and even before the Assyrian monarchy.



the circumstances of his life should be different : but the person, of whom he treats, is in all respects similar to the Jupiter of Greece and Rome. He has a father Saturn ; and his mother was Rhea. He was nursed in Crete ; and had wars with the Titans. He dethrones his father, who flies to Italy ; where he introduces an age of gold. The mythology concerning him we find to be in all respects uniform. It is therefore to little purpose to substitute another person of the same name by way of reconciling matters, unless we can suppose that every person so denominated had the same relations and connexions, and the same occurrences in life reiterated : which is impossible. It is therefore, I think, plain, that the Grecian Deities were not the persons <sup>22</sup> supposed : and that their imputed names were titles. It is true, a very ancient and respectable writer, <sup>23</sup> Euhemerus, of whom I have before made mention, thought otherwise. It is said, that he could point out precisely, where each god departed : and could particularly shew the burying-place of Jupiter. Lactantius, who copied from him, says, that it was at Cnossus in <sup>24</sup> Crete.

<sup>22</sup> Arnobius has a very just observation to this purpose. *Omnes Dii non sunt : quoniam plures sub eodem nomine, quemadmodum accepimus, esse non possunt, &c.* L. 4. p. 136.

<sup>23</sup> Antiquus Auctor Euhemerus, qui fuit ex civitate Messene, res gestas Jovis, et cæterorum, qui Dii putantur, collegit ; historiamque contexuit ex titulis, et inscriptionibus sacris, quæ in antiquissimis templis habebantur ; maximeque in fano Jovis Triphylîi, ubi auream columnam positam esse ab ipso Jove titulus indicabat. In quâ columnâ gesta sua perscripsit, ut monumentum esset posteris rerum suarum. Lactant. de Falsâ Relig. L. 1. c. 11. p. 50.

(Euhemerus), quem noster et interpretatus, et secutus est præter cæteros, Ennius. Cicero de Nat. Deor. L. 1. c. 42.

<sup>24</sup> Lactantius de Falsâ Relig. L. 1. c. 11. p. 52.



Jupiter, ætate pessum actâ, in Cretâ vitam commutavit.—Sepulchrum ejus est in Cretâ, et in oppido Cnossô: et dicitur Vesta hanc urbem creavisse: inque sepulchro ejus est inscriptio antiquis literis Græcis, Ζαν Κρονου. If Jupiter had been buried in Crete, as these writers would persuade us, the accounts would be uniform about the place where he was deposited. Lactantius, we find, and some others, say, that it was in the city Cnossus. There are writers who mention it to have been in a cavern upon <sup>25</sup> Mount Ida: others upon Mount <sup>26</sup> Jafius. Had the Cretans been authors of the notion, they would certainly have been more consistent in their accounts: but we find no more certainty about the place of his burial, than of his birth; concerning which Callimachus could not determine.

<sup>27</sup> Ζευ, σε μὲν Ἰδαίοισιν ἐν ἔρεσι φασὶ γενεσθαι,  
Ζευ, σε δ' ἐν Ἀρκαδίῃ.

He was at times supposed to have been a native of Troas, of Crete, of Thebes, of Arcadia, of Elis: but the whole arose from the word ταφος being through length of time misunderstood: for there would have been no legend about the birth of Jupiter, had there been no mistake about his funeral. It was a common notion of the Magnesians, that Jupiter was buried in their country upon Mount Sipylus. Pausanias says, that he ascended the mountain, and beheld the tomb, which

<sup>25</sup> Varro apud Solinum. c. 16.

<sup>26</sup> Epiphanius in Ancorato. P. 108.

Cyril. contra Julianum. L. 10. p. 342. See Scholia upon Lycophron. V. 1194.

<sup>27</sup> Callimach. Hymn. in Jovem. V. 6.



was well worthy of <sup>28</sup> admiration. The tomb of <sup>29</sup> Isis in like manner was supposed to be at Memphis, and at Philæ in upper Egypt: also at Nufa in Arabia. Osiris was said to have been buried in the same places: likewise at Taphosiris, which is thought by Procopius to have had its name, <sup>30</sup> because it was the place of sepulture of Osiris. The same is said of another city, which was near the mouth of the Nile, and called Taphosiris parva. But they each of them had their name from the worship, and not from the interment of the Deity. This is plain from the account given of the ταφος Οσιριδος, or high altar of Osiris, by Diodorus; from whom we learn that Busiris and Osiris were the same. <sup>31</sup> *The Grecians, says this author, have a notion, that Busiris in Egypt used to sacrifice strangers: not that there was ever such a king, as Busiris; but the ταφος, or altar, of Osiris had this name in the language of the natives. In short Bu-*

<sup>28</sup> Ταφον θεας αξιον. Pausan. L. 2. p. 161.

<sup>29</sup> Diodor. Sicul. L. 1. p. 23. Ταφηται λεγυσι την Ισιν εν Μεμφει.

Osiris buried at Memphis, and at Nufa. Diodorus above. Also at Byblus in Phenicia.

Εισι δε ενιοι Βυβλιων, οι λεγυσι παρα σφισι τεθαφθαι τον Οσιριν τον Αιγυπτιον. Lucian. de Syria Dea. V. 2. p. 879.

Τα μεν ουν περι της ταφης των Θεων τωτων διαφωνεεται παρα τοις πλειστοις. Diodor. L. 1. p. 24.

<sup>30</sup> Procopius περι κτισματων. L. 6. c. 1. p. 109.

Αιγυπτιοι τε γαρ Οσιριδος πολλαχθ θηκας, ωσπερ ειρηται, δεικνυσι. Plutarch. Isis et Osiris. P. 358. He mentions πολλας Οσιριδος ταφας εν Αιγυπτω. Ibid. P. 359.

<sup>31</sup> L. 1. p. 79. Περι της Βασιριδος ξενοκτονιας παρα τοις Ελλησιν ειςχυσαι τον μυθον· ου τε Βασιλεως ονομαζομενα Βασιριδος, αλλα του Οσιριδος ταφου ταυτην εχοντος την προσηγοριαν κατα την των εγχωριων διαλεκτον. Strabo likewise says, that there was no such king as Busiris. L. 17. p. 1154.



firis was only a variation for Osiris : both were compounded of the Egyptian term <sup>32</sup> Sehor, and related to the God of day. Hence the altars of the same Deity were called indifferently the altars of Osiris, or Bufiris, according as custom prevailed.

I have in a former chapter taken notice of the Tarchons and Dracontia in Syria, and other parts : which consisted of sacred ground inclosed with a wall, and an altar or two at the upper part. Such an inclosure is described by Pausanias, which must have been of great antiquity : hence the history of it was very imperfectly known in his time. He is speaking of Nemea in Argolis ; <sup>33</sup> *near which, says he, stands the temple of Nemean Jupiter, a structure truly wonderful, though the roof is now fallen in. Round the temple is a grove of cypress ; in which there is a tradition that Opheltes was left by his nurse upon the grass, and in her absence killed by a serpent.—In the same place is the tomb of Opheltes, surrounded with a wall of stone ; and within the inclosure altars. There is also a mound of earth said to be the tomb of Lycurgus, the father of Opheltes.* Lycurgus is the same as Lycus, Lycaon, Lycoreus, the Sun : and Opheltes, his supposed offspring, is of the same purport. To say the truth, <sup>34</sup> Opheltes, or, as it should be expressed, Ophel-tin, is the place ; and Ophel the Deity, Sol Pytho, whose symbol was a serpent. Ophel-

<sup>32</sup> Bou-Sehor and Uch-Sehor are precisely of the same purport, and signify the great Lord of day.

<sup>33</sup> Pausanias. L. 2. p. 144.

<sup>34</sup> Altis. Baaltis, Orontis, Opheltis, are all places compounded with some title, or titles, of the Deity.



tin was a Taphos with a *τεμενος*, or sacred inclosure: it was a sacred mound to the Ophite Deity; like that which was inclosed and fortified by <sup>35</sup> Manasseh king of Judah; and which had been previously made use of to the same purpose by <sup>36</sup> Jotham. A history similar to that of Opheltes is given of Archemorus; who was said to have been left in a garden by his nurse Hypsipyle, and in her absence slain by a serpent. Each of them had festivals instituted, together with sacred games, in memorial of their misfortune. They are on this account by many supposed to have been the same person. But in reality they were not persons, but places. They are however so far alike, as they are terms, which relate to the same worship and Deity. Opheltin is the place, and altar of the Ophite God above mentioned: and Archemorus was undoubtedly the ancient name of the neighbouring town, or city. It is a compound of Ar-Chemorus; and signifies the city of Cham-Orus, the same who is stiled Ophel. In many of these places there was an ancient tradition of some person having been injured by a serpent in the beginning of life; which they have represented as the state of childhood. The mythology upon this occasion is different: for sometimes the personages spoken of are killed by the serpent: at other times they kill it: and there are instances where both histories are told of the same person. But whatever may have been the consequence, the history is generally made to refer

<sup>35</sup> 2 Chron: c. 33. v. 14.

<sup>36</sup> 2 Chron: c. 27. v. 3. *On the wall (חומה) of Ophel he built much:* or rather on the Comah, or sacred hill of the Sun, called Oph-El; he built much.



to a state of childhood. Hercules has accordingly a conflict with two serpents in his cradle: and Apollo, who was the same as Python, was made to engage a serpent of this name at Parnassus, when he was a child;

<sup>37</sup> Κερος, εων, ΕΤΙ ΓΥΜΝΟΣ, ΕΤΙ ΠΛΟΚΑΜΟΙΣΙ ΓΕΓΗΘΩΣ.

Near mount Cyllene in Arcadia was the sacred Taphos of

<sup>38</sup> Æputus, who was supposed to have been stung by a serpent. Æputus was the same as Iapetus, the father of mankind. In the Dionusiaca the priests used to be crowned with serpents; and in their frantic exclamations to cry out

<sup>39</sup> Eva, Eva; and sometimes Evan, Evan: all which related to some history of a serpent. Apollo, who is supposed by most to have been victor in his conflict with the Pytho, is by Porphyry said to have been slain by that serpent: Pythagoras affirmed, that he saw his tomb at Tripos in <sup>40</sup> Delphi; and wrote there an epitaph to his honour. The name of Tripos is said to have been given to the place, because the daughters of Triopus used to lament there the fate of Apollo. But Apollo and the Python were the same; and Tripus, or Triopus, the supposed father of these humane

<sup>37</sup> Apollon. Rhodii Argonaut. L. 2. v. 709. Apollo is said to have killed Tityus, Βεπαις εων. Apollon. L. 1. v. 760.

<sup>38</sup> Τον δε του Αιπυτου ταφον σπουδη μαλιστα εθεασαμην—ετι μεν ουν γης χωμα ου μεγα, λιθου κρηπιδι εν κυκλω περιεχομενον. Pausan. L. 8. p. 632.

Αιπυτιον τυμβον, celebrated by Homer. Iliad. β. V. 605.

Αιπυτος supposed to be the same as Hermes. Ναος Ἑρμῆ Αἰπυτῆ near Tegea in Arcadia. Pausan. L. 8. p. 696. Part of Arcadia was called Αἰπυτις.

<sup>39</sup> Clemens Alexand. Cohort. P. 11. Ανεξεμμενοι τοις οφεισιν επολολυζοντες Ευαν, Ευαν κτλ.

<sup>40</sup> Porphyrii Vita Pythagoræ.



sisters, was a variation for Tor-Opus, the serpent-hill, or temple; where neither Apollo, nor the Python were slain, but where they were both worshiped, being one and the same Deity. <sup>41</sup> Πυθοι μὲν οὖν ὁ Δρακὼν ὁ Πυθίος θρησκεινέται, καὶ τὴ Οφεως ἡ πανηγυρίς καταγέλλεται Πυθία. *At Python (the same as Delphi) the Pythian Dragon is worshiped; and the celebrity of the serpent is stiled Pythian.* The daughters of Triopus were the priestesses of the temple; whose business it was to chant hymns in memory of the serpent: and what is very remarkable, the festival was originally observed upon the seventh <sup>42</sup> day.

The Greeks had innumerable monuments of the sort, which I have been describing. They were taken for the tombs of departed heroes, but were really consecrated places: and the names, by which they were distinguished, shew plainly their true history. Such was the supposed tomb of <sup>43</sup> Orion at Tanagra, and of Phoroneus in <sup>44</sup> Argolis; the tomb of <sup>45</sup> Deucalion in Athens; and of his wife <sup>46</sup> Pyrrha in Locris: of <sup>47</sup> Endymion in Elis: of Tityus in <sup>48</sup> Panopea: of Aste-

<sup>41</sup> Clement. Alexand. Cohort. p. 29.

<sup>42</sup> The Scholiast upon Pindar seems to attribute the whole to Dionusius, who first gave out oracles at this place, and appointed the seventh day a festival. Εν ᾧ πρῶτος Διονυσος ἐθεμίχευσε, καὶ ἀποκτείνας τὸν Ὀφιν τὸν Πυθωνα, ἀγωνίζεται τὸν Πυθικὸν ἀγῶνα κατὰ ἑβδομὴν ἡμέραν. Prolegomena in Pind. Pyth. p. 185.

<sup>43</sup> Pausanias. L. 9. p. 749.

<sup>44</sup> Pausan. L. 2. p. 155.

<sup>45</sup> Strabo: L. 9. p. 651.

<sup>46</sup> Strabo. Ibidem.

<sup>47</sup> Pausan. L. 5. p. 376.

<sup>48</sup> Pausan. L. 10. p. 806.



rion in the island <sup>49</sup> Lade: of the Egyptian <sup>50</sup> Belus in Achaia. To these may be added the tombs of Zeus in Mount Sipylus, Mount Iafius, and Ida: the tombs of Osiris in various parts: and those of Isis, which have been enumerated before. Near the Æaceum at Epidaurus was a hill, reputed to have been the tomb of the hero <sup>51</sup> Phocus. This Æaceum was an inclosure planted with olive trees of great antiquity; and at a small degree above the surface of the ground was an altar sacred to Æacus. To divulge the traditions relative to this altar would, it seems, be an high profanation. The author therefore keeps them a secret. Just before this sacred septum was the supposed tomb of Phocus, consisting of a mound of raised earth, fenced round with a border of stone work: and a large rough stone was placed upon the top of all. Such were the rude monuments of Greece, which were looked upon as so many receptacles of the dead: but were high altars, with their sacred *τεμενη*, which had been erected for divine worship in the most early times. The Helladians, and the Persians, were of the same <sup>52</sup> family: hence we find many similar rites sub-

<sup>49</sup> Pausan. L. 1. p. 87.

<sup>50</sup> At Patræ, *μνημα Αιγυπτίω τε Βηλῶ*. Pausan. L. 7. p. 578.

<sup>51</sup> Pausanias. L. 2. p. 179.

<sup>52</sup> Herodotus. L. 7. c. 150. and L. 6. c. 54.

Plato in Alcibiad. 1<sup>mo</sup>. Vol. 2. p. 120.

Upon Mount Mænalus was said to have been the tomb of Arcas, who was the father of the Arcadians.

*Ἐστὶ δὲ Μαιναλὴν δυσχειμερὸς, εἰθὰ τε κεῖται*

*Ἀρχαῖς, ἀφ' οὗ δὴ πάντες ἐπικλησὶν καλεῖονται.*

Oraculum apud Pausan. L. 8. p. 616.

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sisting among the two nations. The latter adhered to the purer Zabaïsm, which they maintained a long time. They erected the same sacred Tupha, as the Grecians: and we may be assured of the original purpose, for which these hills were raised, from the use, to which they put them. They were dedicated to the great fountain of light, called by the Persians, Anäit: and were set apart as Puratheia, for the celebration of the rites of fire. This people, after they had defeated the Sacæ in Cappadocia, raised an immense Comah in memorial of their victory. <sup>53</sup> Strabo, who describes it very minutely, tells us, that they chose a spot in an open plain; where they reared a Petra, or high place, by heaping up a vast mound of earth. This they fashioned to a conical figure; and then surrounded it with a wall of stone. In this manner they founded a kind of temple in honour of Anaït, Omanus, and Anandrates, the Deities of their country. I have mentioned that the Egyptians had hills of this nature: and from them the custom was transmitted to Greece. Typhon, or more properly Tuphon, *Τυφών*, who was supposed to have been a giant, was a compound of Tuph-On, as I have before mentioned; and signified a sacred <sup>54</sup> mount of the sun. Those cities in Egypt, which had a high place of

But what this supposed tomb really was, may be known from the same author: Το δε χωριον τειτο, ενθα ο ταφος εστι τω Αρκαδος, καλουσιν Ἑλιω Βωμους. Ibid.

Ταφος, η τυμβος, η σημειον. Hesych.

<sup>53</sup> Strabo. L. 11. p. 779. Εν δε τω πεδιω ΠΙΕΤΡΑΝ ΤΙΝΑ προσχωματι συμπληρωσαντες εις βουνοειδες σχημα κτλ.

<sup>54</sup> Typhon was originally called Γηγενης, and by Hyginus Terræ Filius. Fab. 152. p. 263. Diodorus. L. 1. p. 79. he is stiled Γης υιος εξαισιος. Antoninus Liberal. c. 25.



this sort, and rites in consequence of it, were stiled Typhonian. Upon such as these they sacrificed red haired men, or men with hair of a light colour ; in other words strangers. For both the sons of Chus, and the Mizräim were particularly dark and woolly : so that there could be no surer mark than the hair to distinguish between a native and a foreigner. These sacrifices were offered in the city <sup>55</sup> Idithia, <sup>56</sup> Abaris, <sup>57</sup> Heliopolis, and Taphosiris ; which in consequence of these offerings were denominated Typhonian cities. Many writers say, that these rites were performed to Typhon at the <sup>58</sup> tomb of Osiris. Hence he was in later times supposed to have been a person, one of immense size : and he was also esteemed a <sup>59</sup> God. But this arose from the common mistake, by which places were substituted for the Deities there worshiped. Typhon was the Tupha, or altar, the supposed tomb of the God : and the offerings were made to the Sun, stiled On ; the same as Osiris, and Busris. As there were Typhonian mounts in many parts, he was in consequence of it supposed to have been buried in different places : near mount Caucasus in Colchis ; near the river Orontes in Syria ; and under lake Serbonis. Ty-

<sup>55</sup> Plutarch. Isis et Osiris. P. 380.

<sup>56</sup> Josephus contra Apion. L. 1. p. 460.

<sup>57</sup> Porphyry de Abstinen. L. 2. p. 223.

There was Πετρα Τυφαιονια in Caucasus. Etymolog. Magnum. Τύφως Τυφαιονια Πετρα εστιν ὑψηλη εν Καυκασω.

Καυκασω εν κνημοισι, Τυφαιονι ὅτι Πετρη. Apollon. L. 2. v. 1214.

<sup>58</sup> Diodorus Sicul. L. 1. p. 79.

<sup>59</sup> Παρηγορησι θυσιας και πραυνουσι (τον Τυφωνα). Plutarch. Isis et Osiris. p. 362.



phon, or rather Typhonian worship, was not unknown in the region of <sup>60</sup> Troas, near which were the Scopuli Typhonis. Plutarch mentions that in the Phrygian Theology Typhon was esteemed the grandson of Isaac or Isæac: and says that he was so spoken of ἐν τοῖς Φρυγίοις <sup>61</sup> γραμμασί. But all terms of relation are to be disregarded. The purport of the history was this. The altar was termed Tupon Isiac, σῆμα Ἰσῆακος, from the sacra Isiaca, which were performed upon it. The same Isaac or Isæac was sometimes rendered Æfacus, and supposed to have been a son of the river Granicus.

<sup>62</sup> Æfacon umbrosâ furtim peperisse sub Idâ

Fertur Alexirhoë Granico nata bicorni.

The ancient Arcadians were said to have been the offspring of <sup>63</sup> Typhon, and by some the children of Atlas; by which was meant, that they were people of the Typhonian, and Atlantian religion. What they called his tombs were certainly mounds of earth, raised very high, like those which have been mentioned before: only with this difference, that some of these had lofty towers adorned with pinnacles, and battlements. They had also carved upon them various symbols; and particularly serpentine hieroglyphics, in memorial of the God, to whom they were sacred. In their upper story was a perpetual fire, which was plainly seen in the night. I have

<sup>60</sup> Diodorus Sicul. L. 5. p. 338.

<sup>61</sup> Plutarch. Isis et Osiris. P. 362. Ἰσῆακος τὸ Ἡρακλεὺς ὁ Τυφῶν.

<sup>62</sup> Ovid. Metamorph. L. 11. v. 762.

<sup>63</sup> Εὔριοι δὲ ὑπὸ τῆς Τυφῶνος, ὑπὸ δὲ Ἀτλαντος Ξεναγοράς εἰρηκεν. Schol. Apollon. L. 4. v. 264.



mentioned, that the poets formed their notions about Otus and Ephialtes from towers: and the idea of Orion's stupendous bulk was taken from the Pelorian edifice in Sicily. The gigantic stature of Typhon was borrowed from a like object: and his character was formed from the hieroglyphical representations in the temples stiled Typhonian. This may be inferred from the allegorical description of Typhœus, given by Hesiod. Typhon and Typhœus, were the same personage: and the poet represents him of a mixed form, being partly a man, and partly a monstrous dragon, whose head consisted of an assemblage of smaller serpents.

<sup>64</sup> *Ἐκ δὲ οἱ ὠμῶν*

*Ἦν ἑκατὸν κεφαλαὶ οφίος, δεινοῖο Δρακόντος.*

As there was a perpetual fire kept up in the upper story, he describes it as shining through the apertures in the building.

<sup>65</sup> *Ἐκ δὲ οἱ ὀσσων*

*Θεσπεσίης κεφαλῆσιν ὑπ' ὀφρύσι πυρ ἀμαρυσσε·*

*Πάσων δ' ἐκ κεφαλῶν πυρ καίετο δερκομένοιο.*

But the noblest description of Typhon is given in some very fine poetry by Nonnus. He has taken his ideas from some ancient tower situated near the sea upon the summit of an high mountain. It was probably the Typhonian temple of Zeus upon mount Casius near the famed Serbonian lake. He mentions sad noises heard within, and describes the roaring of the surge below: and says that all the monsters of

<sup>64</sup> Hesiod. Theogon. V. 824.

<sup>65</sup> Ibid. V. 826. Typhis, Typhon, Typhaon, Typhœus, are all of the same purport.



the sea stabled in the cavities at the foot of the mountain, which was washed by the ocean.

<sup>66</sup> Ἐν ἰχθυοεντι δὲ ποντῷ

Ἰσαμεν Τυφῶνος ἐστὶ βρυοεντος ἐναυλῶ

Βενθεῖ τάρσα πεπηκτο, καὶ ἥρι μίγνυτο γαστρὶ

Θλιβομένη νεφεῶσσι· Γίγαντες δὲ καρήνῃ

Φρικτὸν ἀερίλοφον αἰῶν βρυχημα λεόντων,

Ποντίος εἰλυοεντι λεῶν ἐκαλυπτετο κόλπῳ· κτλ.

We may perceive, that this is a mixed description, wherein, under the character of a gigantic personage, a towering edifice is alluded to ; which was situated upon the summit of a mountain, and in the vicinity of the sea.

<sup>66</sup> Nonni Dionys. L. i. p. 24.







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Παρα παντι των νομιζομενων παρ' υμιν Θεων Οφης συμβολον  
μεγα και μυσηριον αναγραφεται. Justin. Martyr. Apolog.  
L. i. p. 60.

**I**T may seem extraordinary, that the worship of the serpent should have ever been introduced into the world : and it must appear still more remarkable, that it should almost universally have prevailed. As mankind are said to have been ruined through the influence of this being, we could little expect that it would, of all other objects, have been adopted, as the most sacred and salutary symbol ; and rendered the chief object of adoration. Yet so we find it

<sup>1</sup> Οφεις—τιμασθαι ισχυρως. Philarchus apud Ælian : de Animal. L. 17. c. 5.



to have been. In most of the ancient rites there is some allusion to the <sup>2</sup> serpent. I have taken notice, that in the Orgies of Bacchus the persons, who partook of the ceremony, used to carry serpents in their hands, and with horrid screams call upon Eva, Eva. They were often crowned with <sup>3</sup> serpents, and still made the same frantic exclamation. One part of the mysterious rites of Jupiter Sabazius was to let a snake slip down the bosom of the person to be initiated, which was taken out below <sup>4</sup>. These ceremonies, and this symbolic worship began among the Magi, who were the sons of Chus: and by them they were propagated in various parts. Epiphanius thinks, that the invocation, Eva, Eva, related to the great <sup>5</sup> mother of mankind, who was deceived by the serpent: and Clemens of Alexandria is of the same opinion. He supposes, that by this term was meant <sup>6</sup> *Ευαν εκείνην, δι' ἣν ἡ πλάνη παρεκολουθησε*. But I should think, that Eva was the same as Eph, Epha, Opha, which the Greeks rendered *Οφεις*, Ophis, and by it denoted a serpent. Clemens acknowledges, that the term Eva pro-

<sup>2</sup> See Justin Martyr above.

*Σημειον Οργιων Βακχικων Οφεις εστι τετελεισμενος*. Clemens Alexand. Cohort. P. 11. See Augustinus de Civitate Dei. L. 3. c. 12. and L. 18. c. 15.

<sup>3</sup> *Ανεξεμμενοι τοις οφειν*. Clemens above.

<sup>4</sup> In mysteriis, quibus Sabazius nomen est, aureus coluber in sinum dimittitur consecratis, et eximitur rursus ab inferioribus partibus. Arnobius. L. 5. p. 171. See also Clemens. Cohort. P. 14. *Δρακων διελκομενος τῷ κολπῷ. κ. λ.*

Sebazium colentes Jovem. anguem, cum initiantur, per sinum ducunt. Julius Firmicus. P. 23. *Σαβαζιος, επωνυμον Διονυσου*. Hesych.

<sup>5</sup> *Τῆς Οφεις ανεξεμμενοι, ευαζοντες τὸ Ουα, Ουα, εκείνην τὴν Ευαν ετι, τὴν δια τῷ Οφως απατηλίσαν, επικαλυμενοι*. Epiphanius. Tom. 2. L. 3. p. 1092.

<sup>6</sup> Cohortatio. P. 11.



perly aspirated had such a signification. <sup>7</sup> Το *ονομα* το *Ευια* *δασυνομενον* *ἐρμηνευεται* *Οφης*. Olympias, the mother of <sup>8</sup> Alexander, was very fond of these Orgies, in which the serpent was introduced. Plutarch mentions, that rites of this sort were practised by the Edonian women near mount Hæmus in Thrace; and carried on to a degree of madness. Olympias copied them closely in all their frantic manœuvres. She used to be followed with many attendants, who had each a thyrsus with <sup>9</sup> serpents twined round it. They had also snakes in their hair, and in the chaplets, which they wore; so that they made a most fearful appearance. Their cries were very shocking: and the whole was attended with a continual repetition of the words, <sup>10</sup> Evœ, Sabœ, Hues Attes, Attes Hues, which were titles of the God Dionusus. He was peculiarly named *Υης*; and his priests were the Hyades, and Hyantes. He was likewise stiled Evas. <sup>11</sup> *Ευας ὁ Διονυσος*.

In Egypt was a serpent named Therinuthis, which was looked upon as very sacred; and the natives are said to have made use of it as a royal tiara, with which they ornamented the statues of <sup>12</sup> Isis. We learn from Diodorus Siculus, that the

<sup>7</sup> Cohortatio. P. 11.

<sup>8</sup> Plutarch. Alexander. P. 665.

<sup>9</sup> *Οφεις* *μεγαλεις* *χειροηθεις* *εφειλκετο* *τοις* *θιασοις* (*ἡ* *Ολυμπιας*), *οἱ* *πολλακις* *εκ* *τῆς* *κιττῆς* *καὶ* *τῶν* *μυρτικῶν* *λικίων* *παρὰ* *ναδύομενοι*, *καὶ* *περιελιττομενοι* *θυρσοις* *τῶν* *γυναικῶν*, *καὶ* *τοῖς* *τεφανοῖς*, *ἐξεπληττον* *τοὺς* *ἀνδρας*. Plutarch. *ibid*.

<sup>10</sup> *Τους* *οφεις* *τους* *Παρειας* *θλιβων*, *καὶ* *ὑπερ* *τῆς* *κεφαλῆς* *αιωρων*, *καὶ* *ξων*, *Ευοι*, *Σαβοι*, *καὶ* *επορχυμενος* *Υης* *Αττης*, *Αττῆς* *Υης*. Demosth. *Περὶ* *τεφανῶν*. P. 516.

<sup>11</sup> Hesych.

<sup>12</sup> *Τῆς* *Ισιδος* *αγαλματα* *ανεδεσσι* *ταυτην*, *ὡς* *τινι* *διαδηματι* *βασιλειῳ*. Ælian. *Hist. Animal.* L. 10. c. 31.



kings of Egypt wore high bonnets, which terminated in a round ball: and the whole was furrounded with figures of <sup>13</sup> asps. The priests likewise upon their bonnets had the representation of serpents. The ancients had a notion, that when Saturn devoured his own children, his wife Ops deceived him by substituting a large stone in lieu of one of his sons, which stone was called Abadir. But Ops, and Opis, represented here as a feminine, was the serpent Deity, and Abadir is the same personage under a different denomination. <sup>14</sup> Abadir Deus est; et hoc nomine lapis ille, quem Saturnus dicitur devorâsse pro Jove, quem Græci *βαϊτυλον* vocant.—Abdir quoque et Abadir *βαϊτυλος*. Abadir seems to be a variation of Ob-Adur, and signifies the serpent God Orus. One of these stones, which Saturn was supposed to have swallowed instead of a child, stood according to <sup>15</sup> Pausanias at Delphi. It was esteemed very sacred, and used to have libations of wine poured upon it daily; and upon festivals was otherwise honoured. The purport of the above history I imagine to have been this. It was for a long time a custom to offer children at the altar of Saturn: but in process of time they removed it, and in its room erected a *συλος*, or stone pillar; before which they made their vows, and offered sacrifices of another nature. This stone, which they thus substituted, was called Ab-Adar from the Deity re-

<sup>13</sup> Της Βασιλεις—χρησθαι πιλοις μακροισ επι τα περατος ομφαλον εχουσι, και περισσπειραμενοις οφεισι, ες καλυσιν απιδας. L. 3. p. 145.

<sup>14</sup> Priscian. L. 5. and L. 6.

<sup>15</sup> Pausan. L. 10. p. 859.



presented by it. The term Ab generally signifies a <sup>16</sup> father: but in this instance it certainly relates to a serpent, which was indifferently stiled Ab, Aub, and <sup>17</sup> Ob. I take Abaddon, or, as it is mentioned in the Revelations, Abaddon, to have been the name of the same Ophite God, with whose worship the world had been so long infected. He is termed by the Evangelist <sup>18</sup> Ἀβαδδων, τον Ἀγγελον της Ἀβυσσος, the angel of the bottomless pit; that is, the prince of darkness. In another place he is described as the <sup>19</sup> dragon, that old serpent, which is the devil, and Satan. Hence I think, that the learned Heinsius is very right in the opinion, which he has given upon this passage; when he makes Abaddon the same as the serpent Pytho. Non dubitandum est, quin Pythius Apollo, hoc est spurcus ille spiritus, quem Hebræi Ob, et Abaddon, Hellenistæ ad verbum Ἀπολλωνια, cæteri Ἀπολλωνια, dixerunt, sub hâc formâ, quâ miseriam humano generi invexit, primo cultus <sup>20</sup>.

It is said, that in the ritual of Zoroaster, the great expanse of the heavens, and even nature itself, was described under the symbol of a serpent <sup>21</sup>. The like was mentioned in the

<sup>16</sup> Bochart supposes this term to signify a father, and the purport of the name to be Pater magnificus. He has afterwards a secondary derivation. Sed fallor, aut Abdir, vel Abadir, cum pro lapide sumitur, corruptum ex Phœnicio Eben-Dir, lapis sphæricus. Geog. Sac. L. 2. c. 2. p. 708.

<sup>17</sup> See Radicals. P. 49. and Deuteronomy. c. 18. v. 17.

<sup>18</sup> ἔχουσαι βασιλεα ἐφ' αὐτῶν τον Ἀγγελον της Ἀβυσσος ὀνομα αὐτῶ Ἑβραϊστῖ. Ἀβαδδων, ἐν δὲ τῇ Ἑλληνικῇ ὀνομα ἐχει Ἀπολλων. Revelations. c. 9. v. 11.

<sup>19</sup> Revelations. c. 20. v. 2, Abaddon signifies serpens Dominus, vel Serpens Dominus Sol.

<sup>20</sup> Daniel Heinsius. Aristarchus. P. 11.

<sup>21</sup> Euseb. P. E. L. 1. p. 41, 42.



Ootateuch of Ootanes: and moreover, that in Persis and in other parts of the east they erected temples to the serpent tribe, and held festivals to their honour, esteeming them <sup>22</sup> Θεῶς τας μεγιστους, και αρχηγους των ὅλων, *the supreme of all Gods, and the superintendants of the whole world.* The worship began among the people of Chaldea. They built the city Opis upon the <sup>23</sup> Tigris, and were greatly addicted to divination, and to the worship of the serpent <sup>24</sup>. Inveni sunt ex iis (Chaldeis) augures, et magi, divinatores, et sortilegi, et inquirentes Ob, et Ideoni. From Chaldea the worship passed into Egypt, where the serpent Deity was called Canoph, Can-eph, and C'neph, It had also the name of Ob, or Oub, and was the same as the Basiliscus, or Royal Serpent; the same also as the Thermuthis: and in like manner was made use of by way of ornament to the statues of their <sup>25</sup> Gods. The chief Deity of Egypt is said to have been Vulcan, who was also stiled Opas, as we learn from <sup>26</sup> Cicero. He was the same as Ofiris, the Sun; and hence was often called Ob-El, five Pytho Sol: and there were pillars sacred to him with curious hieroglyphical inscriptions, which had the same name. They were very lofty, and narrow in comparison of their length; hence among the Greeks, who co-

<sup>22</sup> Euseb. ibidem. Ταδε αυτα και Οτ'ανης κτλ.

<sup>23</sup> Herod. L. 2. c. 189. also Ptolemy.

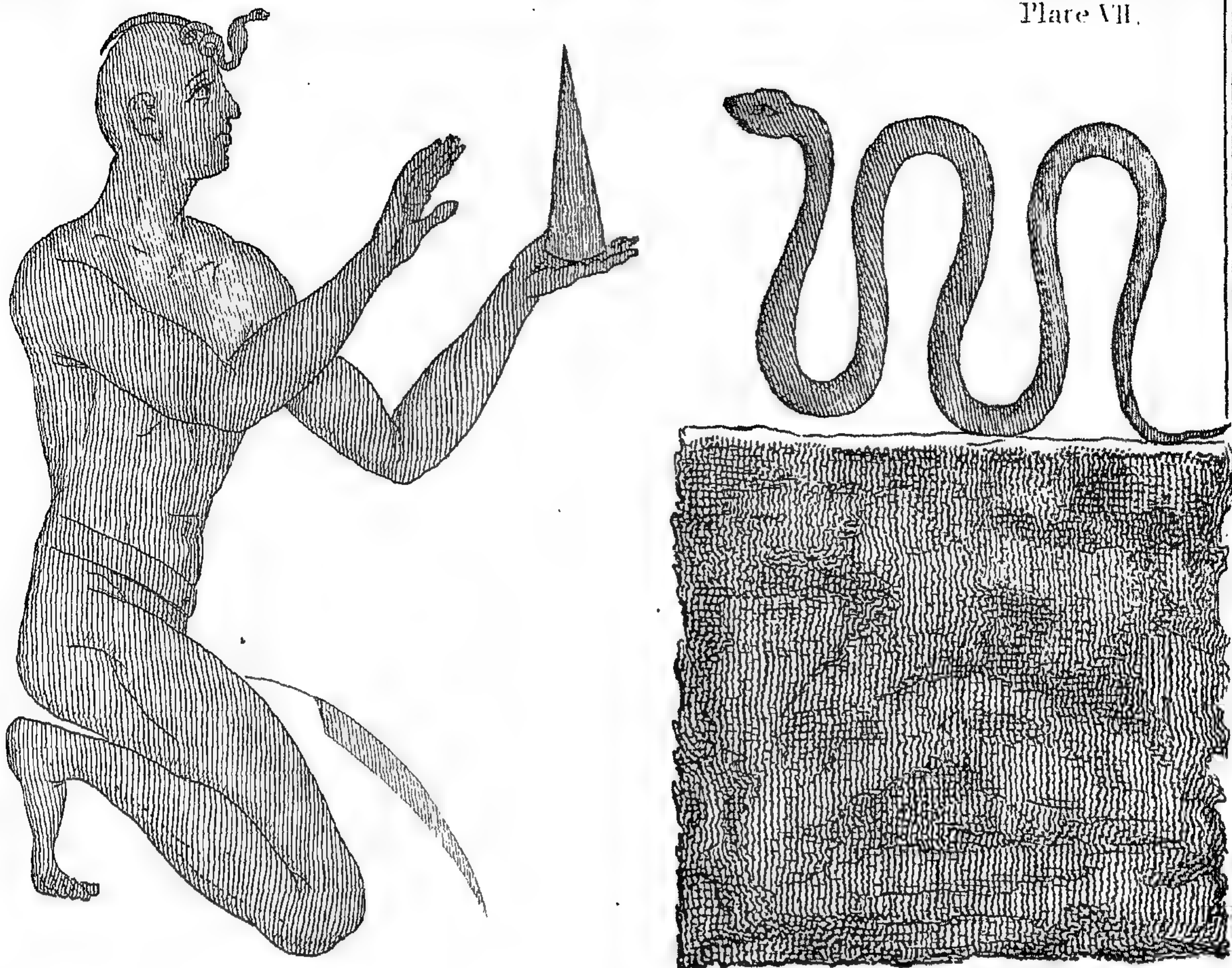
<sup>24</sup> M. Maimonides in more Nevochim. See Selden de Diis Syris. Synt. 1. c. 3. p. 49.

<sup>25</sup> Ουβαιον, ὃ εστιν Ἑλληνιστὶ Βασιλισκον· ὃνπερ χρυσουν ποιουντες Θεοις περιτθεασιν. Horapollo. L. 1. p. 2.

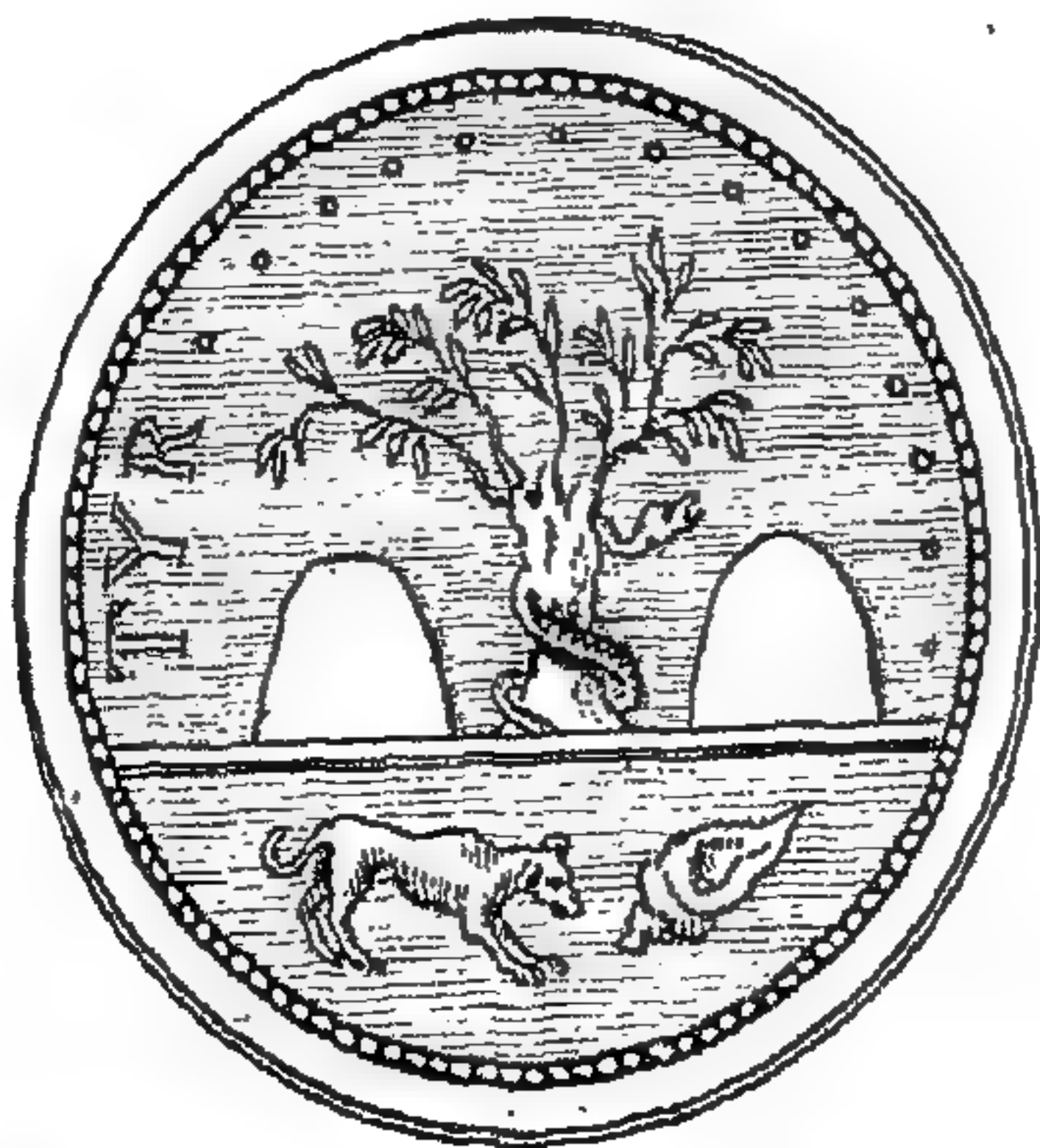
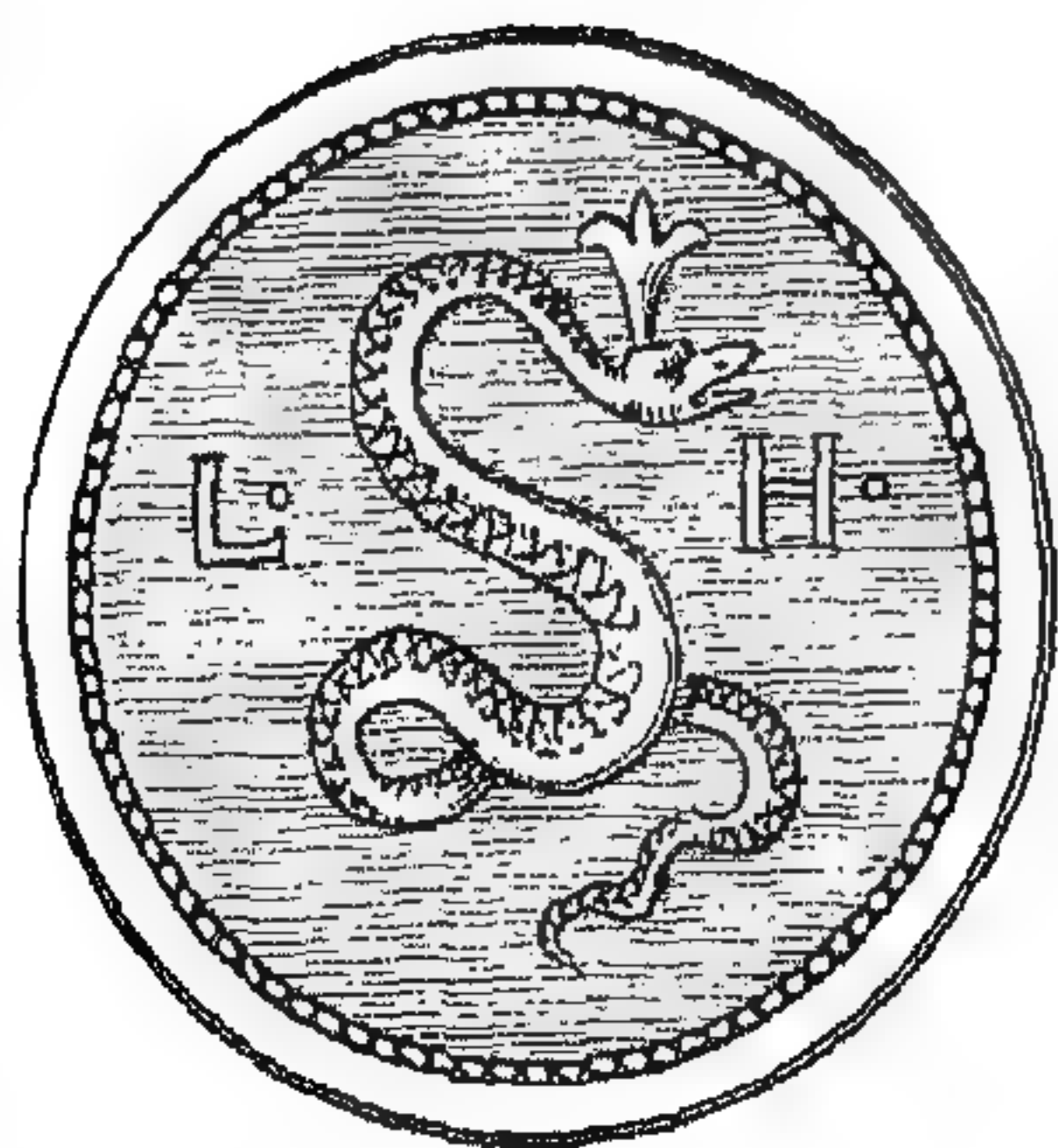
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<sup>26</sup> Cicero de Nat. Deor. L. 3.





*Ophis & Thormuthis, sive Ct. Basiliscus Aegyptiacus, cum sacerdote supplicante.*





pied from the Egyptians, every thing gradually tapering to a point was stiled Obelos, and Obeliscus. Ophel (Oph-El) was a name of the same purport: and I have shewn, that many sacred mounds, or Tapha, were thus denominated from the serpent Deity, to whom they were sacred.

Sanchoniathon makes mention of an history, which he once wrote upon the worship of the serpent. The title of this work according to Eusebius was, <sup>27</sup> Ethothion, or Ethothia. Another treatise upon the same subject was written by Pherecydes Syrus, which was probably a copy of the former; for he is said to have composed it, <sup>28</sup> *παρὰ Φοινικῶν λαβὼν τὰς ἀφορμὰς, from some previous accounts of the Phœnicians.* The title of his book was the Theology of Ophion, stiled Ophioneus; and of his worshipers, called Ophionidæ. Thoth, and Athoth, were certainly titles of the Deity in the Gentile world: and the book of Sanchoniathon might very possibly have been from hence named Ethothion, or more truly Athothion. But from the subject, upon which it was written, as well as from the treatise of Pherecydes, I should think, that Athothion, or Ethothion, was a mistake for Ath-ophion, a title which more immediately related to that worship, of which the writer treated. *Ath* was a sacred title, as I have shewn: and I imagine, that this dissertation did not barely relate to the serpentine Deity; but contained accounts of his votaries, the Ophitæ, the principal of which were the sons of Chus. The worship of the Serpent began among

<sup>27</sup> Præp. Evan. L. i. p. 41.

<sup>28</sup> Euseb. supra.

them;



them ; and they were from thence denominated Ethiopians, and Aithopians, which the Greeks rendered *Αἰθιοπες*. It was a name, which they did not receive from their complexion, as has been commonly surmised ; for the branch of Phut, and the Lubim, were probably of a deeper die : but they were so called from Ath-Ope, and Ath-Opis, the God, which they worshiped. This may be proved from Pliny. He says that the country Æthiopia (and consequently the people) had the name of Æthiop from a personage who was a Deity—ab <sup>29</sup> Æthiope Vulcani filio. The Æthiopes brought these rites into Greece : and called the island, where they first established them, <sup>30</sup> Ellopia, Solis Serpentis insula. It was the same as Eubœa, a name of the like purport ; in which island was a region named Æthiopium. Eubœa is properly Oub-Aia ; and signifies the Serpent-Island. The same worship prevailed among the Hyperboreans, as we may judge from the names of the sacred women, who used to come annually to Delos. They were priestesses of the Tauric Goddess, and were denominated from her titles.

<sup>31</sup> ΟΥΠΙΣ ΤΕ, ΛΟΞΩ ΤΕ, ΚΑΙ ΕΥΑΙΩΝ Ἐκαεργη.

Hercules was esteemed the chief God, the same as Chronus ; and was said to have produced the Mundane egg. He was represented in the Orphic Theology under the mixed symbol of a <sup>32</sup> lion and a serpent : and sometimes of a <sup>33</sup> serpent

<sup>29</sup> L. 6. p. 345.

<sup>30</sup> Strabo. L. 10. p. 683. It was supposed to have had its name from Ellops, the Son of Ion who was the brother of Cothus.

<sup>31</sup> Callimachus. H. in Delon. V. 292. Ευαιων, Eva-On, Serpens Sol.

<sup>32</sup> Athenagoras. Legatio. P. 294. Ηρακλης Χρονος.

<sup>33</sup> Athenag. P. 295. Ηρακλης Θεος—δρακων ἐλικτος.



only. I have before mentioned, that the Cuthites under the title of Heliadæ settled at Rhodes: and, as they were Hivites or Ophites, that the island in consequence of it was of old named Ophiusa. There was likewise a tradition, that it had once swarmed with <sup>34</sup> serpents. The like notion prevailed almost in every place, where they settled. They came under the more general titles of Leleges and Pelasgi: but more particularly of Elopians, Europeans, Oropians, Asopians, Inopians, Ophionians, and Æthiopes, as appears from the names, which they bequeathed; and in most places, where they resided, there were handed down traditions, which alluded to their original title of Ophites. In Phrygia, and upon the Hellespont, whither they sent out colonies very early, was a people stiled *Οφιογενεις*, or the serpent-breed; who were said to retain an affinity and correspondence with <sup>35</sup> serpents. And a notion prevailed, that some hero, who had conducted them, was changed from a serpent to a man. In Colchis was a river Ophis; and there was another of the same name in Arcadia. It was so named from a body of people, who settled upon its banks, and were said to have been conducted by a serpent: <sup>36</sup> *Τον ἡγεμόνα γενεσθαι δράκοντα*. These reptiles are seldom found in islands, yet Tenos one of the Cyclades was supposed to have once swarmed with them. <sup>37</sup> *Εν τῇ Τήνῳ, μιὰ τῶν Κυκλαδῶν νησῶ,*

<sup>34</sup> It is said to have been named Rhodus from Rhod, a Syriac word for a serpent. Bochart. G. S. P. 369.

<sup>35</sup> *Ενταυθα μυθοῦσι τῆς Οφιογενεις συγγενειαν τινα εχειν πρὸς τῆς οφεις.* Strabo. L. 13. p. 880. Ophiogenæ in Hellesponto circa Parium. Pliny. L. 7. p. 371.

<sup>36</sup> Pausan. L. 8. p. 614.

<sup>37</sup> Aristoph. Plutus. Schol. V. 718.



οφεις και σκορπιοι δεινοι εγινοντο. Thucydides mentions a people of Ætolia called <sup>38</sup> Ophionians: and the temple of Apollo at Patara in Lycia seems to have had its first institution from a priestess of the same <sup>39</sup> name. The island of Cyprus was stiled Ophiusa, and Ophiodes, from the serpents, with which it was supposed to have <sup>40</sup> abounded. Of what species they were is no where mentioned; excepting only that about Paphos there was said to have been a <sup>41</sup> kind of serpent with two legs. By this is meant the Ophite race, who came from Egypt, and from Syria, and got footing in this <sup>42</sup> island. They settled also in Crete, where they increased greatly in numbers; so that Minos was said by an unseemly allegory, <sup>43</sup> οφεις ερησαι, serpentes minxisse. The island Seriphus was one vast rock, by the Romans called <sup>44</sup> saxum seriphium; and made use of as a larger kind of prison for banished persons. It is represented as having once abounded with serpents; and it is stiled by Virgil *serpentifera*, as the passage is happily corrected by Scaliger.

<sup>45</sup> Æginamque simul, serpentiferamque Seriphon.

<sup>38</sup> L. 3. c. 96. Strabo. L. 10. p. 692.

<sup>39</sup> Steph. Byzant. Παταρα.

<sup>40</sup> Βη δ' επ' εραν Διαι φευγων οφιωδεα Κυπρον. Parthenius. See Vossius upon Pomp. Mela. L. 1. c. 6. p. 391.

Ovid Metamorph. L. 10. v. 229. Cypri arva Ophiusia.

<sup>41</sup> They were particularly to be found at Paphos. Apollon. Discolus. Mirabil. c. 39. Οφης ποδας εχων δυο.

<sup>42</sup> Herodotus. L. 7. c. 90. 'Οι δε απο Αιθιοπιας, ως αυτοι Κυπριοι λεγουσιν.

<sup>43</sup> 'Ο γαρ Μινως οφεις, και σκορπιους, και σκολοπενδρας ερεσκεν κλ. Antonin. Liberalis. c. 41. p. 202. See notes, P. 276.

<sup>44</sup> Tacitus. Annal. L. 4. c. 21.

<sup>45</sup> In Ceiri.



It had this epithet not on account of any real serpents, but according to the Greeks from <sup>46</sup> Medusa's head, which was brought hither by Perseus. By this is meant the serpent Deity, whose worship was here introduced by people called Perefians. Medusa's head denoted divine wisdom: and the island was sacred to the serpent, as is apparent from its name <sup>47</sup>. The Athenians were esteemed Serpentigenæ; and they had a tradition, that the chief guardian of their Acropolis was a <sup>48</sup> serpent. It is reported of the Goddess Ceres, that she placed a dragon for a guardian to her temple at <sup>49</sup> Eleusis; and appointed another to attend upon Erectheus. Ægeus of Athens according to Androtion was of the <sup>50</sup> serpent breed: and the first king of the country is said to have been <sup>51</sup> Δρακων, a Dragon. Others make Cecrops the first who reigned. He is said to have been <sup>52</sup> διφους, of a twofold nature; *συμφυες εχων σωμα ανδρος και δρακοντος*, being formed with the body of a man blended with that of a serpent. Diodorus says, that this was a circumstance deemed by the Athenians inexplicable: yet he labours to explain it by representing Cecrops, as half a man, and half a <sup>53</sup> brute; because

cause

<sup>46</sup> Strabo. L. 10. p. 746.

<sup>47</sup> What the Greeks rendered Σεριφος was properly Sar-Iph; and Sar-Iphis, the same as Ophis: which signified Petra Serpentis, five Pythonis.

<sup>48</sup> Herodotus. L. 8. c. 41.

<sup>49</sup> Strabo. L. 9. p. 603.

<sup>50</sup> Lycophron Scholia. V. 496. *απο των οδοντων τε δρακοντος*.

<sup>51</sup> Meursius de reg. Athen. L. 1. c. 6.

<sup>52</sup> Apollodorus. L. 3. p. 191.

<sup>53</sup> Diodorus. L. 1. p. 25. Cecrops is not by name mentioned in this passage

according



cause he had been of two different communities. Eustathius likewise tries to solve it nearly upon the same principles, and with the like success. Some had mentioned of Cecrops, that he underwent a metamorphosis, <sup>54</sup> ἀποφews εἰς ἀνθρώπον ελθεῖν, *that he was changed from a serpent to a man*. By this was signified according to Eustathius, that Cecrops by coming into Hellas divested himself of all the rudeness, and barbarity of his <sup>55</sup> country, and became more civilized and humane. This is too high a compliment to be payed to Greece in its infant state, and detracts greatly from the character of the Egyptians. The learned Marsham therefore animadvertes with great justice. <sup>56</sup> Est verisimilius illum ex Ægypto mores magis civiles in Græciam induxisse. *It is more probable, that he introduced into Greece, the urbanity of his own country, than that he was beholden to Greece for any thing from thence*. In respect to the mixed character of this personage, we may, I think, easily account for it. Cecrops was certainly a title of the Deity, who was worshiped under this <sup>57</sup> emblem. Something of the like nature was mentioned of Triptolemus, and <sup>58</sup> Erichthonius :

according to the present copies : yet what is said, certainly relates to him, as appears by the context, and it is so understood by the learned Marsham. See Chron. Canon. P. 108.

<sup>54</sup> Eustat. on Dionys. P. 56. Edit. Steph.

<sup>55</sup> Τον βαρβαρον Αἰγυπτιασμον αφεις. κτλ. *ibid.*

See also Tzetzes upon Lycophron. V. 111.

<sup>56</sup> Chron. Canon. P. 109.

<sup>57</sup> It may not perhaps be easy to decipher the name of Cecrops : but thus much is apparent, that it is compounded of Ops, and Opis, and related to his symbolical character.

<sup>58</sup> Δρακοντας δυο περι τον Εριχθονιον. Antigonus Carystius. c. 12.



and the like has been said above of Hercules. The natives of Thebes in Bœotia, like the Athenians above, esteemed themselves of the serpent race. The Lacedæmonians likewise referred themselves to the same original. Their city is said of old to have swarmed with <sup>59</sup> serpents. The same is said of the city Anyclæ in Italy, which was of Spartan original. They came hither in such abundance, that it was abandoned by the <sup>60</sup> inhabitants. Argos was infested in the same manner, till Apis came from Egypt, and settled in that city. He was a prophet, the reputed son of Apollo, and a person of great skill and sagacity. To him they attributed the blessing of having their country freed from this evil.

<sup>61</sup> Ἀπὶς γὰρ ἐλθὼν ἐκ πέρας Ναυπακτίας,  
 Ἰατρομαντὶς, παῖς Ἀπολλωνίου, χθονα  
 Τὴν δ' ἐκκαθαίρει κνωδαλῶν βροτοφθορῶν.

Thus the Argives gave the credit to this imaginary personage of clearing their land of this grievance: but the brood came from the very quarter, from whence Apis was supposed to have arrived. They were certainly Hivites from Egypt: and the same story is told of that country. It is represented as having been of old over-run with serpents; and almost depopulated through their numbers. Diodorus Siculus seems to understand this <sup>62</sup> literally: but a region, which was annually overflowed, and that too for so long a season, could

<sup>59</sup> Aristot. de Mirabilibus. Vol. 2. p. 717.

<sup>60</sup> Pliny. L. 3. p. 153. L. 8. p. 455.

<sup>61</sup> Æschyli Supplices, P. 516.

<sup>62</sup> L. 3. p. 184.



not well be liable to such a calamity. They were serpents of another nature, with which it was thus infested : and the history relates to the Cuthites, the original Ophitæ, who for a long time possessed that country. They passed from Egypt to Syria, and to the Euphrates : and mention is made of a particular breed of serpents upon that river, which were harmless to the natives, but fatal to every body else. <sup>63</sup> This, I think, cannot be understood literally. The wisdom of the serpent may be great ; but not sufficient to make these distinctions. These serpents were of the same nature as the <sup>64</sup> birds of Diomedes, and the dogs in the temple of Vulcan : and these histories relate to Ophite priests, who used to spare their own people, and sacrifice strangers, a custom, which prevailed at one time in most parts of the world. I have mentioned that the Cuthite priests were very learned : and as they were Ophites, whoever had the advantage of their information, was said to have been instructed by serpents. Hence there was a tradition, that Melampus was rendered prophetic from a communication with these <sup>65</sup> animals. Something similar is said of Tirefias.

As the worship of the serpent was of old so prevalent, many places, as well as people from thence, received their names. Those who settled in Campania were called Opici ; which some would have changed to Ophici ; because they were denominated from serpents. <sup>66</sup> Οἱ δὲ (φασιν) ὅτι Οφίχοι

<sup>63</sup> Apollonius Dyscolus. c. 12. and Aristot. de Mirabilibus. Vol. 2. p. 737.

<sup>64</sup> Aves Diomedis—judicant inter suos et advenas, &c. Isidorus Orig. L. 12. c. 7. Pliny. L. 10. c. 44.

<sup>65</sup> Apollodorus. L. 1. p. 37.

<sup>66</sup> Stephanus Byzant. Οφίχοι.



απο των οφίων. But they are in reality both names of the same purport, and denote the origin of the people. We meet with places called Opis, Ophis, Ophitæa, Ophionia, Ophioëssa, Ophiodes, and Ophiusa. This last was an ancient name, by which, according to Stephanus, the islands Rhodes, Cythnus, Bessicus, Tenos, and the whole continent of Africa, were distinguished. There were also cities so called. Add to these places denominated Oboth, Obona, and reversed Onoba, from Ob, which was of the same purport. Clemens Alexandrinus says that the term Eva signified a serpent, if pronounced with a proper <sup>67</sup> aspi-rate. We find that there were places of this name. There was a city Eva in <sup>68</sup> Arcadia: and another in <sup>69</sup> Macedonia. There was also a mountain Eva, or Evan, taken notice of by <sup>70</sup> Pausanias, between which and Ithome lay the city Mef-sene. He mentions also an Eva in Argolis, and speaks of it as a large town. Another name for a serpent, of which I have as yet taken no notice, was Patan, or Pitan. Many places in different parts were denominated from this term. Among others was a city in <sup>72</sup> Laconia; and another in <sup>73</sup> Myfia, which Stephanus styles a city of Æolia. They were

<sup>67</sup> The same is said by Epiphanius. *Εὐία τον οφιν παρὲς Ἑβραίων ονομαζομαι.*  
Epiphanius advers. Hæres. L. 3. tom. 2. p. 1092.

<sup>68</sup> Steph. Byzant.

<sup>69</sup> Ptolemy. P. 93. *Εὐία.*

<sup>70</sup> Pausanias. L. 4. p. 356.

<sup>71</sup> L. 2. p. 202.

<sup>72</sup> Pausan. L. 3. p. 249.

<sup>73</sup> There was a city of this name in Macedonia, and in Troas. Also a river.  
undoubtedly



undoubtedly so named from the worship of the serpent, Pitān : and had probably Dracontia, where were figures and devices relative to the religion, which prevailed. Ovid mentions the latter city, and has some allusions to its ancient history, when he describes Medea as flying through the air from Attica to Colchis.

<sup>74</sup> Æoliam Pitānem lævā de parte relinquit,

Factaque de saxo longi simulacra *Draconis*.

The city was situated upon the river Eva or Evan, which the Greeks rendered <sup>75</sup> Evenus. It is remarkable, that the Opici, who are said to have been denominated from serpents, had also the name of Pitānatæ: at least one part of that family were so called. <sup>76</sup> Τίνας δὲ καὶ Πιτανάτας λεγέσθαι. Pitānatæ is a term of the same purport as Opici, and relates to the votaries of Pitān, the serpent Deity, which was adored by that people. Menelaus was of old stiled <sup>77</sup> Pitānates, as we learn from Hesychius: and the reason of it may be known from his being a Spartan, by which was intimated one of the serpentigenæ, or Ophites. Hence he was represented with a serpent for a device upon his shield. It is said that a brigade, or portion of infantry, was among some of the Greeks named <sup>78</sup> Pitānates; and the soldiers in consequence of it must have been termed Pitānatæ: undoubt-

<sup>74</sup> Ovid Metamorph. L. 7. v. 357.

<sup>75</sup> Strabo. L. 13. p. 913. It is compounded of Eva-Ain, the fountain, or river of Eva, the serpent.

<sup>76</sup> Strabo. L. 5. p. 383.

<sup>77</sup> Μενελάου, ὃς ἦν Πιτανάτης. Hesych.

Δρακὼν ἐπὶ τῇ ἀσπίδι (Μενελάου) ἐστὶν ἐργασμένος. Pausan. L. 10. p. 863.

<sup>78</sup> Πιτανάτης, λόχος. Hesych.

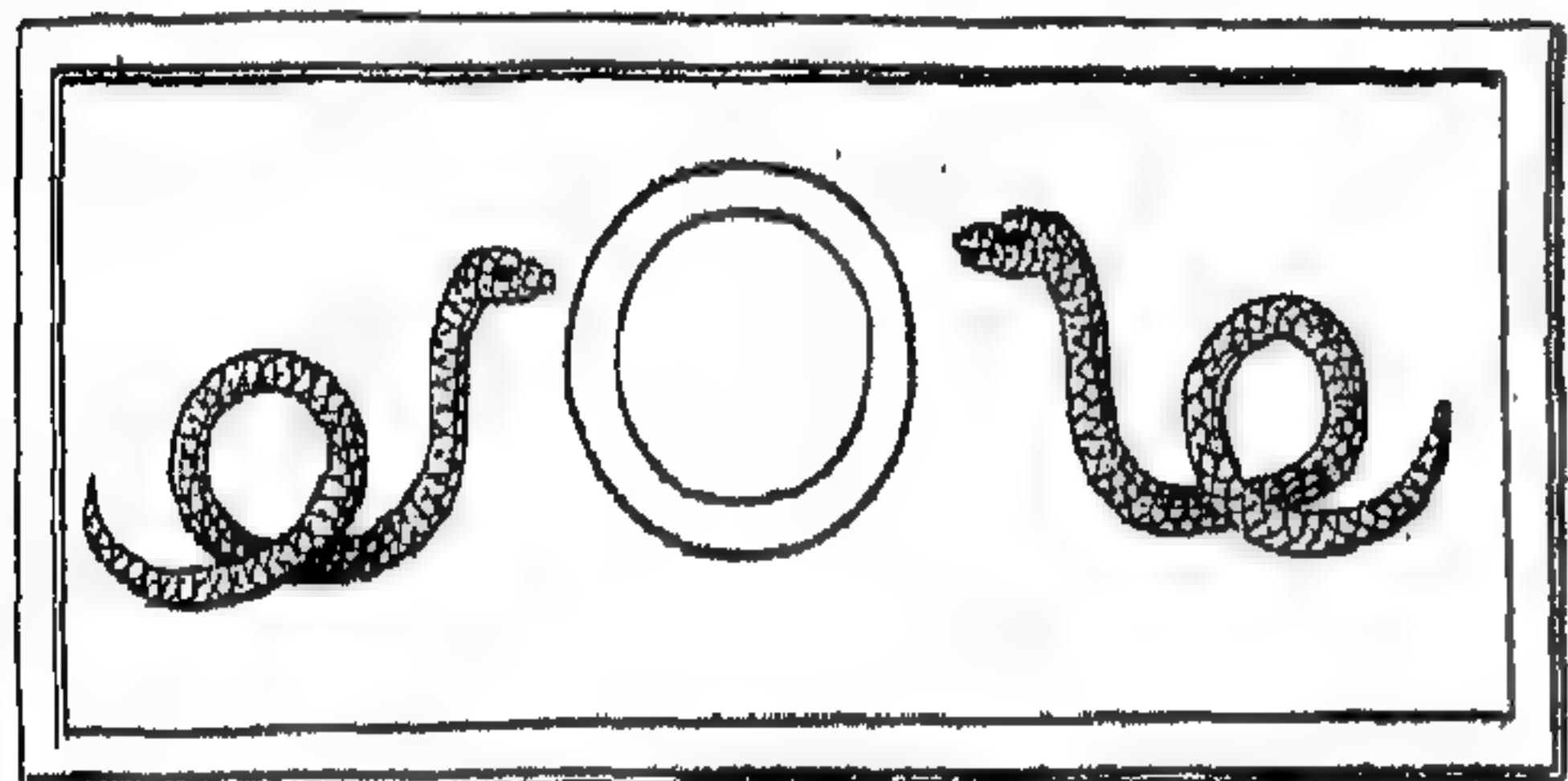




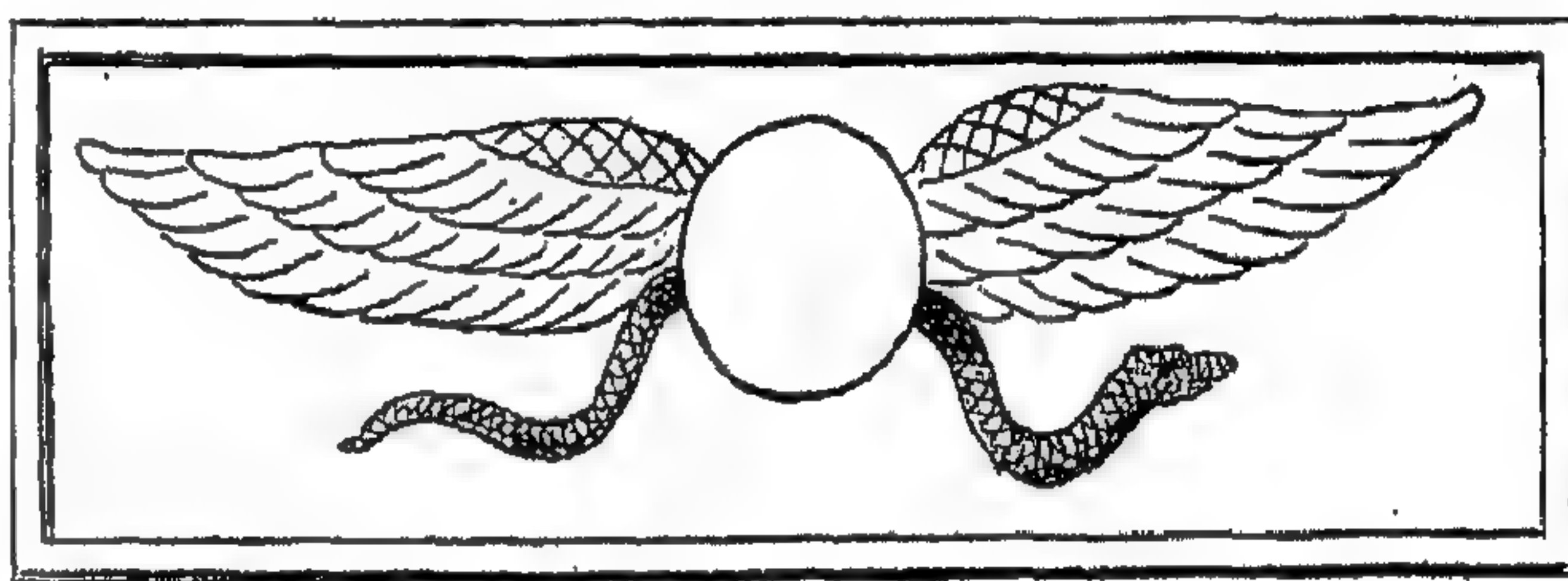
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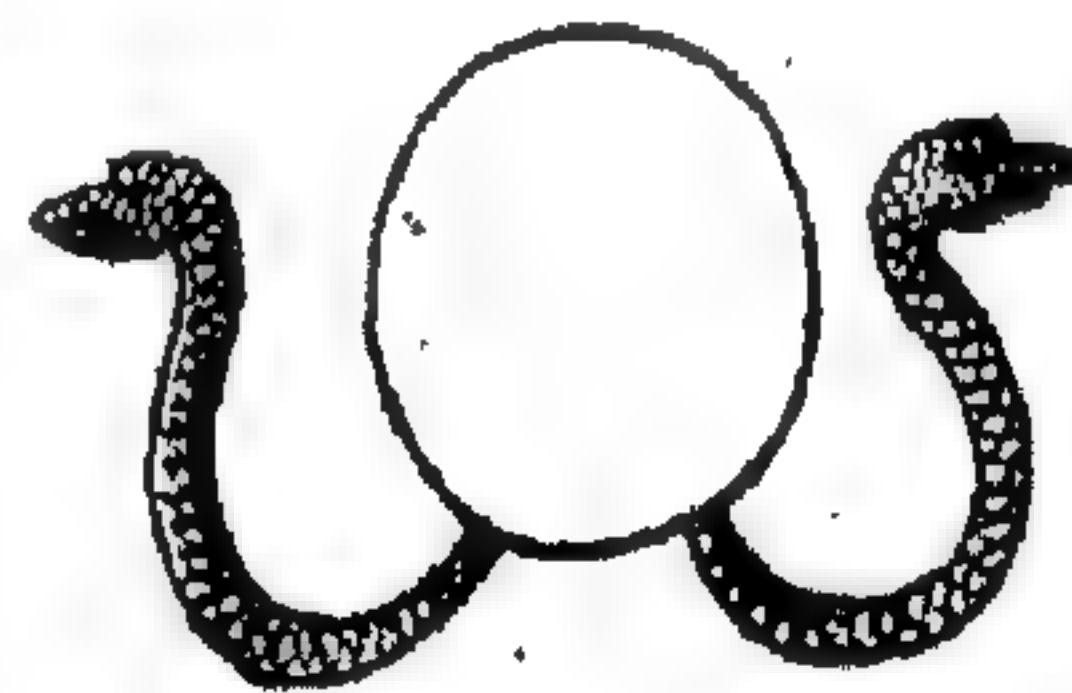
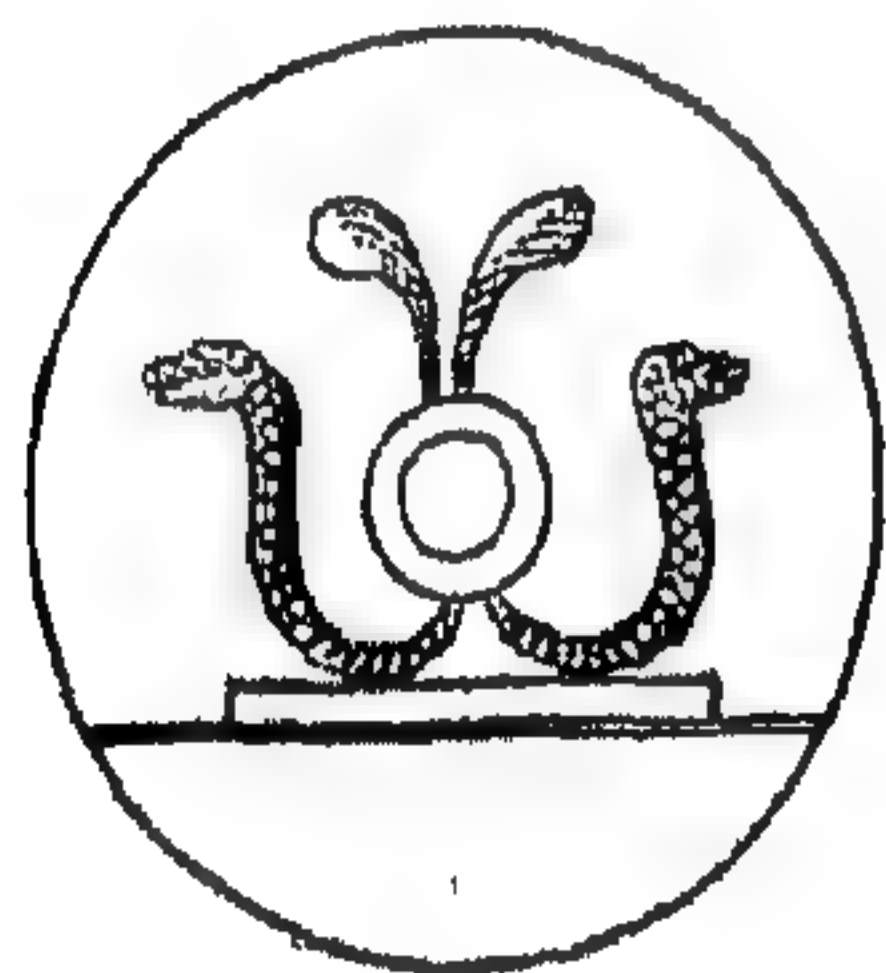
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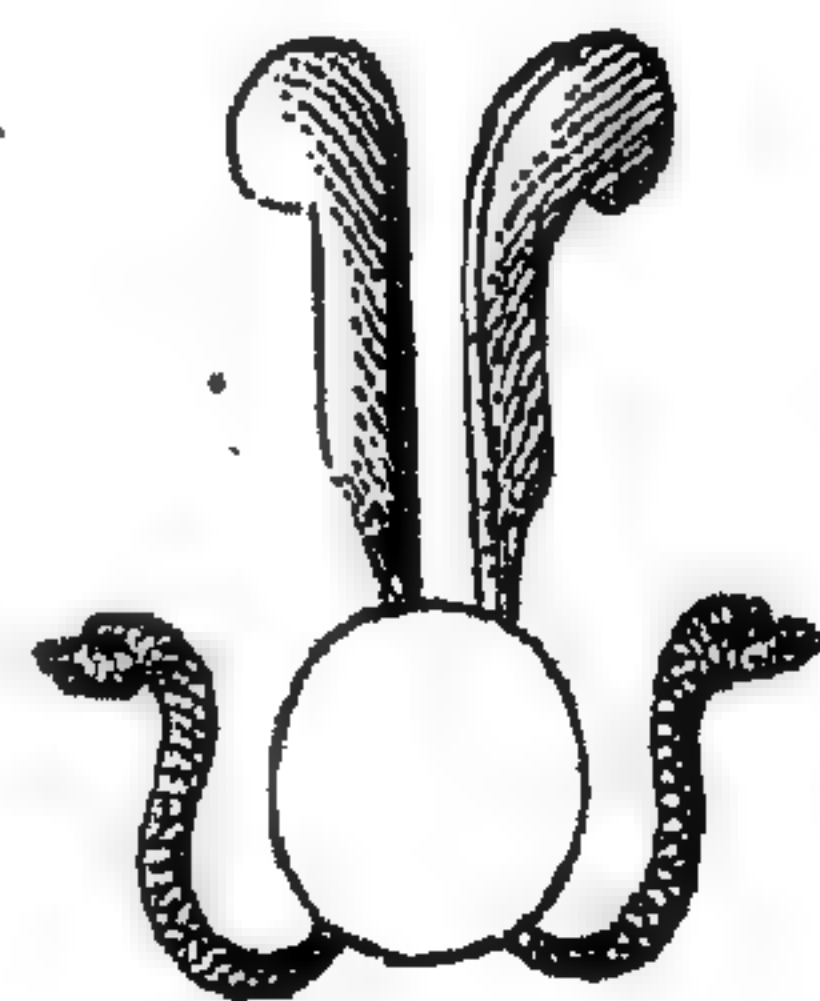
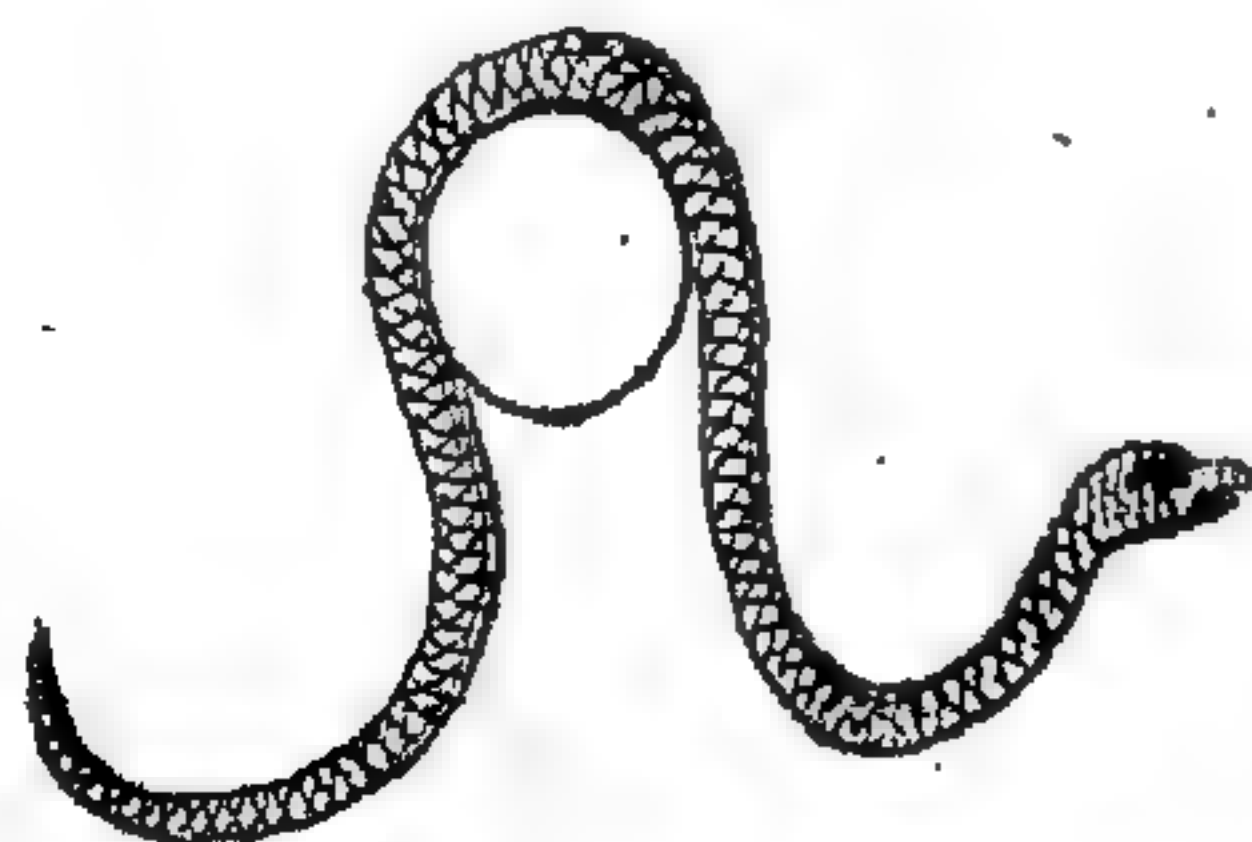
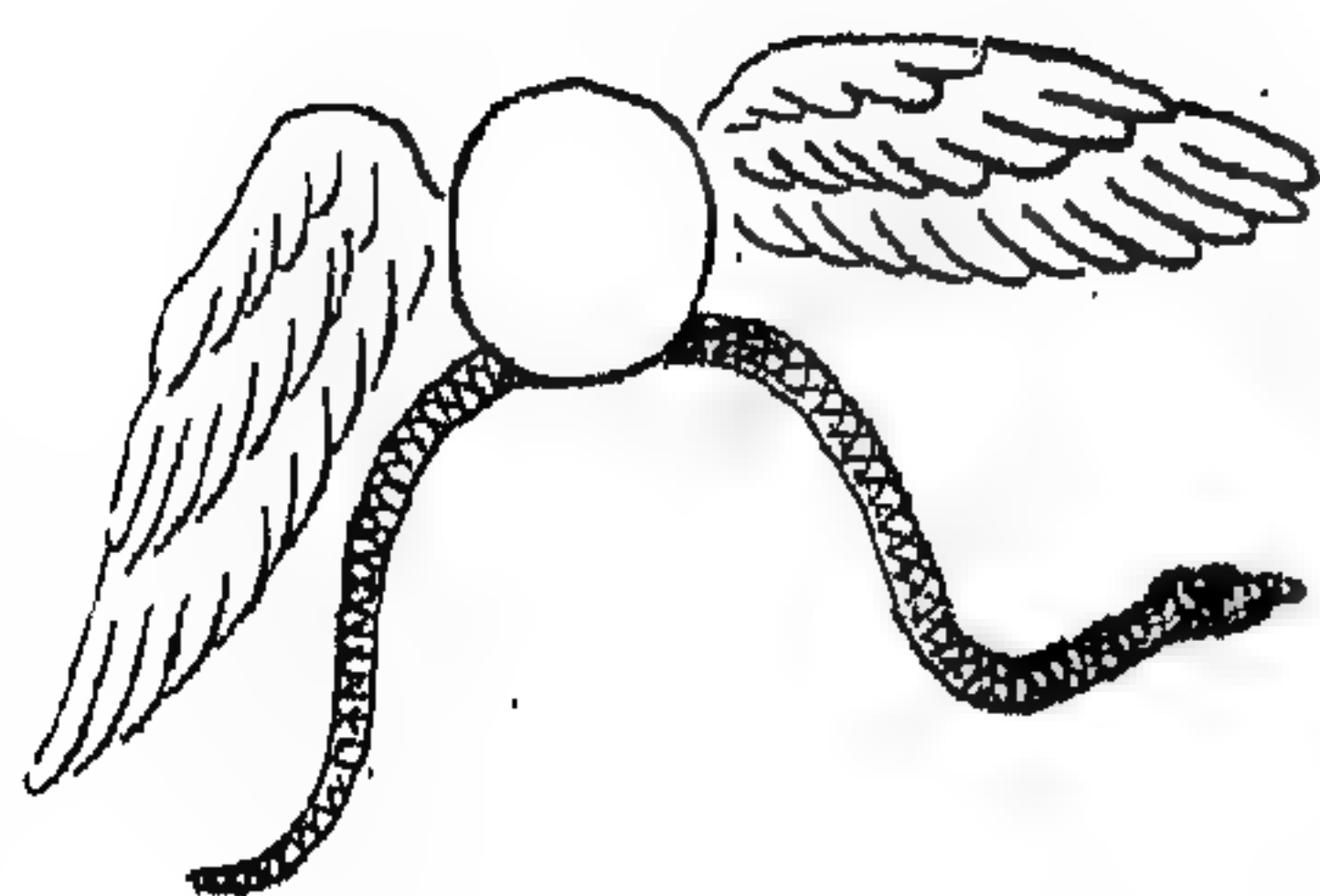
*A Chinese Device*



*From the Ruins of Naki Rustan.*



*From the Isiac Table.*





edly, because they had the Pitan, or serpent, for their<sup>79</sup> standard. Analogous to this among other nations there were soldiers called<sup>80</sup> Draconarii. I believe, that in most countries the military standard was an emblem of the Deity there worshiped.

From what has been said, I hope, that I have thrown some light upon the history of this primitive idolatry : and have moreover shewn, that wherever any of these Ophite colonies settled, they left behind from their rites, and institutes, as well as from the names, which they bequeathed to places, ample memorials, by which they may be clearly traced out. It may seem strange, that in the first ages there should have been such an universal defection from the truth ; and above all things such a propensity to this particular mode of worship, this mysterious attachment to the serpent. What is scarce credible, it obtained among christians ; and one of the most early heresies in the church was of this sort, introduced by a sect, called by<sup>81</sup> Epiphanius Ophitæ, by<sup>82</sup> Clemens of Alexandria Ophiani. They are particularly described by Tertullian, whose account of them is well

<sup>79</sup> It was the insigne of many countries.

*Textilis Anguis*

Discurrit per utramque aciem. Sidon. Apollinaris. Carm. 5. v. 409.

<sup>80</sup> Stent bellatrices Aquilæ, sævique *Dracones*.

Claudian de Nuptiis Honor. et Mariæ. V. 193.

Ut primum vestras Aquilas Provincia vidit,

Defuit hostiles confestim horrere *Dracones*.

Sidon. Apollinaris. Carm. 2. V. 235.

<sup>81</sup> Epiphanius Hæres. 37. P. 267.

<sup>82</sup> Clemens. L. 7. p. 900.



worth our notice. <sup>83</sup> *Accefferunt his Hæretici etiam illi, qui Ophitæ nuncupantur: nam serpentem magnificent in tantum, ut illum etiam ipsi Christo præferant. Ipse enim, inquiunt, scientiæ nobis boni et mali originem dedit. Hujus animadvertens potentiam et majestatem Moyſes æreum poſuit serpentem: et quicunque in eum aſpexerunt, ſanitatē conſecuti ſunt. Ipſe, aiunt, præterea in Evangelio imitatur ſerpentis ipſius ſacram poteſtatem, dicendo, et ſicut Moyſes exaltavit ſerpentem in deſerto, ita exaltari oportet filium hominis. Ipſum introducunt ad benedicenda Euchariftia ſua. In the above we ſee plainly the perverſeneſs of human wit, which deviates ſo induſtriouſly; and is ever after employed in finding expedients to countenance error, and render apoſtaſy plauſible. It would be a noble undertaking and very edifying in its conſequences, if ſome perſon of true learning, and a deep inſight into antiquity, would go through with the hiſtory of the <sup>84</sup> ſerpent. I have adopted it, as far as it relates to my ſyſtem, which is in ſome degree illuſtrated by it.*

<sup>83</sup> Tertullian de Præſcript. Hæret. c. 47. p. 221.

<sup>84</sup> Voſſius, Selden, and many learned men have touched upon this ſubject. There is a treatiſe of Philip Olearius de Ophiolatriâ. Alſo Diſſertatio Theologico—Hiſtorico, &c. &c. de cultu ſerpentum. Auctore M. Johan. Chriſtian. Kock. Lipſiæ. 1717.



## CUCLOPES or CYCLOPES.

Παλαιότατοι μὲν λέγονται ἐν μέρει τινὶ τῆς χώρας (τῆς Σικελίας) Κυκλωπες, καὶ Λαιστρυγόνες οἰκῆσαι ὧν ἐγὼ ὅτε γένος ἐχὼ εἰπεῖν, ὅτε ὅπουθεν εἰσηλθόν, ἢ ὅπου ἀπεχώρησαν.  
Thucydides. L. 6. p. 378.

**T**HUCYDIDES acquaints us concerning the Cyclopes and Læstrygones, that they were the most ancient inhabitants of Sicily, but that he could not find out their race : nor did he know from what part of the world they originally came, nor to what country they afterwards betook themselves. I may appear presumptuous in pretending to determine a history so remote, and obscure ; and which was a secret to this learned Grecian two thousand years ago. Yet this is my present purpose : and I undertake it with a greater confidence, as I can plainly shew, that we have many lights, with which the natives of Hellas were unacquainted ; besides many advantages, of which they would not avail themselves.



The gigantic Cyclopes were originally Ophitæ, who worshipped the symbolical serpent. They have been represented by the poets, as persons of an enormous <sup>1</sup> stature, rude and savage in their demeanour, and differing from the rest of mankind in countenance. They are described as having only one large eye; which is said to have been placed, contrary to the usual situation of that organ, in the middle of their foreheads. Their place of residence was upon mount Ætna, and in the adjacent district at the foot of that <sup>2</sup> mountain, which was the original region stiled Trinacia. This is the common account, as it has been transmitted by the Poets, as well as by the principal mythologists of Greece: and in this we have been taught to acquiesce. But the real history is not so obvious and superficial. There are accounts of them to be obtained, that differ much from the representations, which are commonly exhibited. The Poets have given a mixed description: and in lieu of the Deity of the place have introduced these strange personages, the ideas of whose size were borrowed from sacred edifices, where the Deity was worshipped. They were Petra, or temples of Cœlus; of the same nature and form as the tower of Orion, which was at no great distance from them. Some of them had the name of <sup>3</sup> Charon, and Tarchon: and they were esteemed Pelorian, from the God Alorus, the same as Cœlus and Py-

<sup>1</sup> Homer. Odyss. L. 10. v. 106.

<sup>2</sup> Hæc a principio patria Cyclopum fuit. Justin. of the island Sicily. L. 4. c. 2.

<sup>3</sup> Ὅς αἰεταί μιν τῷ μονογλήνῃ τεύχεσσι  
 Χαίρωνος. Lycophron. V. 659. Charon was not a person, but Char-On, the temple of the Sun.



thon. The Grecians confounded the people, who raised these buildings, with the structures themselves. Strabo places them near <sup>4</sup> Ætna, and Leontina : and supposes, that they once ruled over that part of the island. And it is certain that a people stiled Cyclopians did possess that <sup>5</sup> province. Polyphemus is imagined to have been the chief of this people : and Euripides describes the place of his residence as towards the foot of the mountain : <sup>6</sup> *Οἰκεις ὑπ' Αἰτνῇ τῇ πυροσάκτῳ Πέτρῳ*. They are represented as a people savage, and lawless, and delighting in human flesh. Hence it is prophesied by Cassandra, as a curse upon Ulysses, that he would one day be forced to seek for refuge in a Cyclopians <sup>7</sup> mansion. And when he arrives under the roof of Polyphemus, and makes inquiry about his host, and particularly upon what he fed ; he is told, that the Cyclops above all things esteemed the flesh of strangers. <sup>8</sup> Chance never throws any body upon this coast, says Silenus, but he is made a meal of ; and it is looked upon as a delicious repast. This character of the Cyclopians arose from the cruel custom of sacrificing strangers, whom fortune brought upon their coast. This was practised in many parts of the world, but especially here, and upon the coast of the Lamii in

<sup>4</sup> *Τῶν περὶ τὴν Αἰτνὴν καὶ Λεοντινὴν Κυκλωπας (δυναστεύειν)*. Strabo. L. 1. p. 38.

<sup>5</sup> The province of Leontina called Xuthia. Diodorus. L. 5. p. 291.

<sup>6</sup> Cyclops V. 297.

<sup>7</sup> Lycophron. V. 659.

<sup>8</sup> *Γλυκυτάτα φασὶ τὰ κρέα τῆς ξένης φέρειν*.

*Οὐδεὶς μολῶν δευρ', ὅστις ἔκατέσφαγγη*. Euripid. Cyclops. V. 126.



Italy ; and among all the Scythic nations upon the Euxine sea : into all which regions it was introduced from Egypt and Canaan.

But we must not consider the Cyclopians in this partial light : nor look for them only in the island of Sicily, to which they have been by the Poets confined. Memorials of them are to be found in many parts of Greece, where they were recorded as far superior to the natives in science and ingenuity. The Grecians by not distinguishing between the Deity, and the people, who were called by his titles, have brought great confusion upon this history. The Cyclopians were denominated from Κυκλωψ, Cyclops, the same as Cœlius. According to Parmeno Byzantinus he was the God<sup>9</sup> Nilus of Egypt, who was the same as <sup>10</sup> Zeus, and Osiris. The history both of the Deity, and of the people, became in time obsolete : and it has been rendered more obscure by the mixed manner, in which it has been represented by the Poets.

It is generally agreed by writers upon the subject, that the Cyclopians were of a size superior to the common race of mankind. Among the many tribes of the Amonians, which went abroad, were to be found people, who were

<sup>9</sup> The river Nilus was called Triton, and afterwards Nilus. Μετωνομασθη δε απο Νειλος τω Κυκλωπος. Scholia in Apollon. L. 4. v. 268.

Nilus Deorum maximus. Huetii Demons. Evang. Pröp. 4. P. iir.

<sup>10</sup> Αιγυπτιε Ζευ, Νειλε. Athenæus. L. 5. p. 203.

Vulcanus—Nilo natus, Opas, ut Ægyptii appellant. Cicero de Naturâ Deor. L. 3. c. 22. Hence Νειλος Κυκλωψ must have been the chief Deity ; and the Cyclopians his votaries and priests.

Νειλοιο τεμενος Κρονιδα. Pindar. Pyth. Ode 4. p. 239. He was no other than Ouranus, and Cœlus.



stiled <sup>11</sup> Anakim, and were descended from the sons of Anac : so that this history, though carried to a great excess, was probably founded in truth. They were particularly famous for architecture ; which they introduced into Greece, as we are told by <sup>12</sup> Herodotus : and in all parts, whither they came, they erected noble structures, which were remarkable for their height and beauty : and were often dedicated to the chief Deity, the Sun, under the name of Elorus, and P'elorus. People were so struck with their grandeur, that they called every thing great and stupendous, Pelorian. And when they described the Cyclopians as a lofty towering race, they came at last to borrow their ideas of this people from the towers, to which they alluded. They supposed them in height to reach to the clouds ; and in bulk to equal the promontories, on which they were founded. Homer says of Polyphemus,

<sup>13</sup> Καὶ γὰρ θαυμ' ἐτέτυκτο πελωρίον, οὐδὲ ἐώκει  
Ἄνδρι γε σιτοφαγῶ, ἀλλὰ ῥίῳ ὕληεντι.

Virgil says of the same person,

<sup>14</sup> Ipse arduus, altaque pulsat fidera.

As these buildings were oftentimes light-houses, and had in their upper story one round casement, Argolici clypeï, aut

<sup>11</sup> Ἀγέρων, υἱὸς Ἀνακτος, who was buried in the island Lade near Miletus, is mentioned as a gigantic personage by Pausanias. L. 1. p. 87. Large bones have been found in Sicily ; which were probably the bones of elephants, but have been esteemed the bones of the Cyclopians by Kircher and Fazellus. Fazellus. Dec. 1. L. 1. c. 6.

<sup>12</sup> Herodotus. L. 5. c. 61. He alludes to them under the name of Cadmians.

<sup>13</sup> Odyss. 10. v. 190.

<sup>14</sup> Æneid. L. 3. v. 619.



Phœbeæ lampadis instar, by which they afforded light in the night-season; the Greeks made this a characteristic of the people. They supposed this aperture to have been an eye, which was fiery, and glaring, and placed in the middle of their foreheads. Hence Callimachus describes them as a monstrous race :

<sup>15</sup> αἶνα Πελωρα,

Περὶ σὶν Ὀσσειοῖσιν εἰκοτὰ· πασι δ' ὑπ' ὀφρύων  
Φαεα μένογληνα σάκει ἰσα τετραβοεῖω.

The Grecians have so confounded the Cyclopiian Deity with his votaries, that it is difficult to speak precisely of either. They sometimes mention him as a single person; the same as Nilus of Egypt, who was esteemed the father of the Gods. At other times they introduce a plurality, whom they still represent as of the highest antiquity, and make the brethren of Cronus : <sup>16</sup> Κυκλωπες—οἱ ἀδελφοὶ ἦσαν τῶ Κρόνῳ, τῶ πατρὸς τῶ Διὸς. Proclus in Photius informs us, that, according to the ancient mythology of the Auctores Cyclici, the giants with an hundred hands, and the Cyclopes were the first born of the <sup>17</sup> Earth and Cœlus. But in these histories every degree of relation has been founded upon dle surmises; and is uniformly to be set aside. The Cyclo-

<sup>15</sup> Hymn in Dian. V. 51.

Μένος δ' ὀφθαλμὸς μέσσω ἐπέκειτο μετώπῳ. Hesiod. Theogon. V. 143.

Clemens Alexandrinus tells us, that Homer's account of Polyphemus is borrowed from the character of Saturnus in the Orphic poetry. Strom. L. 6. p. 751.

<sup>16</sup> Scholia in Æschyl. Prometh. P. 56.

<sup>17</sup> Παιδες Οὐρανοῦ, καὶ Γῆς.



pian Deity was <sup>18</sup> Ouranus, and the Cyclopians were his priests and votaries: some of whom had divine honours paid to them, and were esteemed as Gods. Upon the Isthmus of Corinth was an ancient temple; which seems to have been little more than a *ταφος* or high altar, where offerings were made to the Cyclopian <sup>19</sup> Deities. People of this family settled upon the southern coast of Sicily at Camarina; which some have supposed to have been the Hupereia of Homer, where the Pheacians once resided.

<sup>20</sup> 'Οι πρην μεν ποτ' ἐναιον ἐν εὐρυχορῳ Ὑπερείᾳ,

Ἀγχι Κυκλωπων ἀνδρῶν ὑπερηνόρεοντων.

But there is no reason to think, that the city Hupereia was in Sicily; or that the Pheacians came from that country. The notion arose from a common mistake. All the Greek, and Roman, Poets, and even Strabo with other respectable writers, have taken it for granted, that the Cyclopians of Homer were near Ætna in Sicily. Others except to their being near Ætna; and insist, that they were in the vicinity of Erix upon the opposite part of the island. But Homer does not once mention the island during his whole account of the Cyclopes: nor does Ulysses arrive in Sicily, till after many subsequent adventures. That there were

<sup>18</sup> Ἐξ ἧς αὐτῷ (Οὐρανῷ) τρεῖς παῖδες γινώσκουσιν ἑκατονταχεῖρας, καὶ τρεῖς ἑτέρας ἀποτίκτῃσι Κυκλωπας. Proclus in Photio. C. ccxxxix. p. 982.

Euripides makes them the sons of Oceanus.

Ἴν' οἱ μόνωπες ποντίε παῖδες Θεῶν

Κυκλωπες οἰκῶσ' ἀντρ' ἐρημῇ, ἀνδρόκτονοι. Cyclops. V. 21.

<sup>19</sup> Καὶ δὴ Ἴερον ἐστὶν ἀρχαῖον, Κυκλωπων καλεῖμενος βωμος, καὶ θύουσιν ἐπ' αὐτῷ Κυκλωπῃ. Pausanias. L. 2. p. 114.

<sup>20</sup> Odyss. Z. V. 5. Ὑπερείαν, οἱ μὲν τὴν ἐν Σικελίᾳ Καμαρίνην. Schol. ibid.



Cyclopians near Ætna is certain : but those mentioned by Homer were of another country, and are represented as natives of the continent though his account is very indeterminate and obscure. There were probably people of this family in many parts of Sicily, especially about the city Camarina. They seem to have been of the Anakim race, and worshippers of the Sun. Hence they were stiled Camarin, and their chief city Camarina, which was so called from a city of the same name in <sup>21</sup> Chaldea, the Ur of the Scriptures. Polyphemus is mentioned as a musician and a shepherd ; but of a savage and brutal disposition : which character arose from the cruel rites practised by the Cyclopians. According to <sup>22</sup> Bacchylides it was said, that Galatus, Illyrius, and Celtus were the sons of Polyphemus. By this was certainly signified, that the Galatæ, Illyrii, and Celtæ, were of Cyclopiian original, and of the Anakim race ; all equally Amonians. Lycophron mentions the cave of this personage, by which was meant an ancient temple ; and he calls it <sup>23</sup> *μονογληνὸς σεγὰς Χαρώνος* : *the habitation of Charon, a personage with one eye*. But here, as I have often observed, the place is mistaken for a person ; the temple for the Deity. Charon was the very place ; the ancient temple of the Sun. It was

<sup>21</sup> *Ἐν πόλει τῆς Βαβυλωνίας Καμαρινῆς, ἣν τινὰς λέγειν πόλιν Οὐρίαν.* Alexand. Polyhist. apud Euseb. Præp. Evan. L. 9. p. 418.

<sup>22</sup> *Natalis Comes.* L. 9. p. 510. By the Celtæ are meant those of Iberia : *οψιγονοὶ Τίττηνες* of Callimachus.

<sup>23</sup> *Lycoph. V. 659.* Appian mentions a nation of Cyclopians in Illyria, who were near the Pheacians.

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therefore stiled Char-On from the God, who was there worshiped; and after the Egyptian custom an eye was engraved over its portal. These temples were sometimes called Charis, <sup>23</sup> *Χαρις*; which is a compound of Char-Is, and signifies a prutaneion, or place sacred to Hephaestus. As the rites of fire were once almost universally practised, there were many places of this name, especially in <sup>24</sup> Parthia, Babylonia, and Phrygia. The Grecians rendered Char-Is by *Χαρις*, a term in their own language, which signified grace and elegance. And nothing witnesses their attachment to ancient terms more than their continually introducing them, though they were strangers to their true meaning. The Arimaspians were Hyperborean Cyclopians; and had temples named Charis, or Charisia, in the top of which were preserved a perpetual fire. They were of the same family as those of <sup>25</sup> Sicily, and had the same rites; and particularly worshiped the Ophite Deity under the name of <sup>26</sup> Opis. Aristeas Proconnesius wrote their history; and among other things mentioned that they had but one eye, which was placed in their graceful forehead.

<sup>23</sup> The liba made in such temples were from it named Charisia. *Χαρισίον, εἶδος πλακέντων*. Hesych.

<sup>24</sup> In Parthia, *Καλλιόπη, Χαρις*. Appian. Syriac. P. 125.

*Φρυγίας πόλις Χαρις*. Steph. Byzant.

Charisiae in Arcadia. Ibid. The island Cos, called of old Caris. Ibid.

<sup>25</sup> Herodotus. L. 4. c. 13. *Αριμασπῶν ἀνδρας μονοφθαλμοις*.

Strabo. L. 1. p. 40. *Ταχα δε και τες μονομματας Κυκλωπας εκ της Σκυθικης ιστορίας μετεμνησθεν* (Ὅμηρος.)

<sup>26</sup> *Ουπις τε, Λοξω τε, και ευαιων* Ἐκαεργη. Callimach. H. in Delon. V. 292.



<sup>27</sup> Οφθαλμον δ' ἐν' ἑκάστος εχει χαριεντι μετωπῳ.

How could the front of a Cyclopiān, one of the most hideous monsters that ever poetic fancy framed, be stiled graceful? The whole is a mistake of terms: and what this writer had misapplied, related to Charis, a tower; and the eye was the casement in the top of the edifice, where a light, and fire were kept up. What confirmed the mistake was the representation of an eye, which, as I have mentioned, was often engraved over the entrance of these temples. The chief Deity of Egypt was frequently represented under the symbol of an eye, <sup>28</sup> and a scepter. I have observed; that Orion was supposed to have had three fathers, merely because a tower, sacred to him in Sicily, and called Tor-Pator, was altered to Τριπατωρ; which change seemed to countenance such an opinion. The Cyclopiāns were of the same region in that island; and their towers had undoubtedly the same name: for the Cyclopiāns were stiled <sup>29</sup> Τριτοπατερες, and were supposed to have been three in number. Some such mistake was made about the towers stiled Charis: whence the Grecians formed their notion of the Graces. As Charis was a tower sacred to fire; some of the Poets have supposed a nymph of that name, who was beloved by

<sup>27</sup> Casaubon. not. in Strabon. L. 1. p. 40.

Μενωπα τραπεζον Αριμασπον. Æschyl. Prineth. P. 49.

<sup>28</sup> Τον γαρ βασιλεα και κυριον Οσιριν οφθαλμῳ και σκηπτρῳ γραφουσιν. Plutarch. Isis et Osiris. P. 354.

<sup>29</sup> Lycophron. V. 328. See Suidas.

Φιλοχορος Τριτοπατορας παντων γεγοιεναι πρωτους. Etymolog. Mag. See Meursii not. in Lycophron. V. 328. Παισει Τριπατρει φασ γαρ Κανδαρος.

Vulcan.



Vulcan. Homer speaks of her as his wife: <sup>30</sup> *Χαρις—Καλη, ἣν ὠπυιε περικλυτος Ἀμφιγυηεις*. But Nonnus makes her his mistress; and says, that he turned her out of doors for her jealousy.

<sup>31</sup> *Ἐκ δὲ δομῶν ἐδίωκε Χάριν ζήλημονα νυμφην*.

The Graces were said to be related to the Sun, who was in reality the same as Vulcan. The Sun among the people of the east was called Hares, and with a guttural Chares: and his temple was stiled Tor-Chares. But as Tor-Pator was changed to Tripator; so Tor-Chares was rendered Tri-chares, which the Greeks expressed *Τριχαρις*; and from thence formed a notion of three Graces. Cicero says that they were the daughters of night, and Erebus: but Antimachus, more agreeably to this etymology, maintained, that they were the offspring of the Sun and light; <sup>32</sup> *Αἰγλης καὶ Ἥλιος θυγατέρας*. These seeming contradictions are not difficult to be reconciled.

The Amonians, wherever they settled, were celebrated

<sup>30</sup> *Iliad*. Σ. v. 382. and Ξ. V. 275. See Pausan. L. 9. p. 781.

<sup>31</sup> *Nonni Dionysiaca*. L. 29. p. 760.

The Graces and the Furies (*Charites et Furiæ*) were equally denominated from the Sun, and fire; and in consequence of it had joint worship in Arcadia. Pausan. L. 8. p. 669. *Charis*, *Χαρις*, of the Greeks was the same personage as *Ceres* of the Romans. She was also called *Damarer*, and esteemed one of the Furies. Pausan. L. 8. p. 649.

<sup>32</sup> Pausanias. L. 9. p. 781. So *Coronis* is said to have been the daughter of *Phlegyas*. Pausan. L. 2. p. 170: and *Cronus* the son of *Apollo*. L. 2. p. 123. *Chiron* the son of *Saturn*; *Charon* the son of *Erebus* and night. The hero *Charisius*, the son of *Lycaon*, which *Lycaon* was no other than *Apollo*, the God of light. These were all places, but described as personages; and made the children of the Deity, to whom they were sacred.

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for their superiority in science; and particularly for their skill in building. Of this family were Trophonius, and his brother Agamedes, who are represented as very great in the profession. They were truly wonderful, says <sup>33</sup> Pausanias, for the temples, which they erected to the Gods; and for the stately edifices, which they built for men. They were the architects, who contrived the temple of Apollo at Delphi, and the treasury constructed to Urius. They were, I make no doubt, some of those, who were stiled Cyclopians; as the people under this appellation were far the most eminent in this way. When the Sibyl in Virgil shews Æneas the place of torment in the shades below, and leads him through many melancholy recesses, we find that the whole was separated from the regions of bliss by a wall built by the Cyclopians. The Sibyl accordingly at their exit tells him,

<sup>34</sup> Cyclopum educta caminis

Mænia conspicio.

From hence we find that they were the reputed builders of the infernal mansions; which notion arose from the real buildings, which they erected. For all the ideas of the ancients about the infernal regions, and the torments of hell, were taken from the temples in each country; and from the rites, and inquisition, practised in them. But the Cyclopians were not merely imaginary operators. They founded several cities in Greece; and constructed many temples to

<sup>33</sup> Δεινὸς Θεοῖς τε ἱερά κατασκευασθαι, καὶ βασιλεία ἀνθρώποις· καὶ γὰρ τῷ Ἀπολλωνί τὸν Ναόν ὠκοδόμησαντο τὸν ἐν Δελφοῖς, καὶ Ὑρίῳ τὸν Θησαυρόν. Pausan. L. 9. p. 785.

Turres, ut Aristoteles, Cyclopes (invenerunt). Pliny. L. 7. c. 56.

<sup>34</sup> Virgil. Æn. L. 6. v. 630.



the Gods, which were of old in high repute. They were so much esteemed for their skill, that, as the Scholiast upon Statius observes, every thing great and noble was looked upon as Cyclopidan : <sup>35</sup> quicquid magnitudine sua nobile est, Cyclopidum manu dicitur fabricatum. Nor was this a fiction, as may be surmised ; for they were in great measure the real architects. And if in the room of those portentous beings the Cyclopes, Κυκλωπες, we substitute a colony of people called Cyclopidians, we shall find the whole to be true, which is attributed to them ; and a new field of history will be opened, that was before unknown. They were undoubtedly a part of the people stiled Academians, who resided in Attica ; where they founded the Academia, and Ceramicus, and introduced human sacrifices. Hence we are informed, that the Athenians in the time of a plague sacrificed three virgin daughters of Hyacinthus at the tomb Geræstus, the <sup>36</sup> Cyclopes. But Geræstus was not a person, but a place. Γεραῖστος is a small variation for Ker-Astus ; and signifies the temple of Astus the God of fire. It was certainly the ancient name of the place, where these sacrifices were exhibited : and the Taphos was a Cyclopidian altar, upon which they were performed. The Cyclopidians are said to have built the ancient city Mycene, which Hercules in Seneca threatens to ruin.

— <sup>37</sup> quid moror ? majus mihi

<sup>35</sup> Lutatius Placidus in Statii Thebaïd. L. 1. p. 26.

<sup>36</sup> Τὰς Ὑακινθοῦ κόρας—ἐπὶ τοῦ Γεραῖστου τοῦ Κυκλωποῦ τάφου κατεσφαζάν.  
Apollodorus. L. 3. p. 205.

<sup>37</sup> Hercules furens. Act. 4. V. 996.



Bellum Mycenis restat, ut Cyclopea

Everfa manibus mænia nostris concidant.

Nonnus speaks of the city in the same light :

<sup>38</sup> ΣΤΕΥΜΑΤΙ ΤΕΙΧΙΟΕΝΤΙ ΠΕΡΙΖΩΣΘΕΝΤΑ ΜΥΚΗΝΗ,  
ΚΥΚΛΩΠΩΝ ΚΑΝΟΝΕΣΣΙ.

The gate of the city, and the chief tower were particularly ascribed to them : <sup>39</sup> ΚΥΚΛΩΠΩΝ ΔΕ ΚΑΙ ΤΑΥΤΑ ΕΡΓΑ ΕΙΝΑΙ ΛΕΓΟΥΣΙΝ. *These too are represented as the work of the Cyclopians.* They likewise built Argos ; which is mentioned by Thyestes in Seneca as a wonderful performance.

<sup>40</sup> Cyclopum sacras

Turres, labore majus humano decus.

All these poetical histories were founded in original truths. Some of them built Hermione, one of the most ancient cities in Greece. The tradition was, that it was built by <sup>41</sup> Hermion the son of Europs, or Europis, a descendant of Phoroneus, and Niobe ; and was inhabited by Dorians, who came from Argos : in which history is more than at first appears. The city stood near a stagnant lake, and a deep cavern ; where was supposed to be the most compendious passage to the shades below : <sup>42</sup> ΤΗΝ ΕΙΣ ΑΪΔΑ ΚΑΤΑΒΑΣΙΝ ΣΥΝΤΟΜΟΝ. The lake was called the pool of Achcrusia ; near

<sup>38</sup> Nonni Dionysiaca. L. 41. p. 1068.

Euripides stiles the walls of Argos Ουρανία :

Ἰνα τείχεα λαίνα, Κυκλωπεί, ουρανία γέρονται. Tróades. V. 1087.

<sup>39</sup> Pausanias. L. 2. p. 146.

<sup>40</sup> Seneca Thyestes. Act. 2. V. 406.

<sup>41</sup> Εντος δε τεισθμυ της Τροϊζηνος όμορος εστιν Ἑρμιονη Οικιστην δε της αρχαιας περιλαως Ἑρμιονεις γενεσθαι φασιν Ἑρμιονα Ευρώπης. Pausan. L. 2. p. 191.

<sup>42</sup> Strabo. L. 8. p. 573. It was inhabited by people particularly stiled Ἀλεις, or men of the sea ; who were brought thither by Druops Arcas.



to which and the yawning cavern the Cyclopians chose to take up their habitation. They are said to have built <sup>43</sup> Tiryns; the walls of which were esteemed no less a wonder than the <sup>44</sup> pyramids of Egypt. They must have resided at Nauplia in Argolis; a place in situation not unlike Hermione above mentioned. Near this city were caverns in the earth, and subterraneous passages, consisting of <sup>45</sup> labyrinths cut in the rock, like the syringes in Upper Egypt, and the maze at the lake Mæris: and these too were reputed the work of Cyclopians. Pausanias thinks very truly, that the Nauplians were from Egypt. <sup>46</sup> Ἦσαν δὲ οἱ Ναυπλῖεις, ἐμοὶ δοκεῖν, Αἰγυπτιοὶ τὰ παλαιότερα. *The Nauplians seem to me to have been a colony from Egypt in the more early times.* He supposes that they were some of those emigrants, who came over with Danaüs. The nature of the works, which the Cyclopians executed, and the lake, which they named Acherusia, shew plainly the part of the world, from whence they came. The next city to Nauplia was Træzen, where Orus was said to have once reigned, from whom the country was called Oraia: but Pausanias very justly thinks, that it was an Egyptian history; and that the region was denominated from <sup>47</sup> Orus of Egypt, whose worship undoubt-

<sup>43</sup> Pausan. L. 2. p. 147. Κυκλωπῶν μὲν ἐστὶν ἔργον. P. 169.

See Strabo. L. 8. p. 572. Τειχίσαι διὰ Κυκλωπῶν.

<sup>44</sup> Τὰ τεῖχη τὰ ἐν Τίρυνθι—οὐδὲ οὐτὰ ἐλαττονος θαύματος (τῶν Πυραμίδων). Pausanias. L. 9. p. 783.

<sup>45</sup> Εφεξῆς δὲ τῇ Ναυπλίᾳ, τὰ σπηλαία, καὶ οἱ ἐν αὐτοῖς οἰκοδομητοὶ λαβυρινθοὶ. Κυκλωπεία δ' ὀνομαζέσθιν. Strabo. L. 8. p. 567.

<sup>46</sup> Pausanias. L. 4. p. 367.

<sup>47</sup> Ἐμοὶ μὲν οὖν Αἰγυπτίον φαίνεται, καὶ οὐδαμῶς Ἑλληνικὸν ὄνομα Ὡρος εἶναι. κτλ. Pausan. L. 2. p. 181.



edly had been here introduced. So that every circumstance witnesses the country, from whence the Cyclopians came. Hence when <sup>48</sup> Euripides speaks of the walls of ancient Mycene, as built by the Cyclopians after the Phenician rule and method: the Phenicians alluded to were the Φοινικες of Egypt, to which country they are primarily to be referred. Those who built Tiryns are represented as seven in number; and the whole is described by Strabo in the following manner. <sup>49</sup> Τίρυνθι ὀρμητηρίῳ χρησασθαι δοκεῖ Πρωίτος, καὶ τειχίσαι διὰ Κυκλωπῶν· οὓς ἑπτὰ μὲν εἶναι, καλεῖσθαι δὲ Γαστροχειρας, τρεφομένους ἐκ τῆς τέχνης. *Prætus seems to have been the first, who made use of Tiryns, as an harbour; which place he walled round by the assistance of the Cyclopians. They were seven in number, stiled Gastrocheirs; and lived by their labour.* Hesychius in some degree reverses this strange name, and says, that they were called Εγχειρογασερες. The Grecians continually mistook places for persons, as I have shewn. These seven Cyclopes were, I make no doubt, seven Cyclopi-  
an towers built by the people, of whom I have been treating. Some of them stood towards the harbour to afford light to ships, when they approached in the night. They were sacred to After, or <sup>50</sup> Astarte; and stiled Astro-caer, and  
Caer-

<sup>48</sup> Κυκλωπῶν βαθρα.

Φοινικὶ κανόνι καὶ τυκοῖς ἡρμοσμένα.

Eurip. Herc. Furens. V. 944.

<sup>49</sup> Strabo. L. 8. p. 572.

<sup>50</sup> Many places were denominated from After; such as Asteria, Asterion, Asteris, Astræa, Astarte. See Steph. Byzantinus. Αστέριον, πόλις Θετταλία.— ἡ τὴν Πιρρασία. Idem. Αστέριον, ἡ Δηλος, καὶ ἡ Κρήτη, ἐκαλεῖτο. Hesychius. Δη-  
λος



Caer-After; out of which the Greeks formed Γαστροχειρ, and Εγχειρογαστηρ; a strange medley made up of hands, and bellies. Strabo in particular having converted these buildings into so many masons, adds, <sup>51</sup> Γαστροχειρας, τρεφομενους εκ της τεχνης. *They were honest bellybanded men, industrious people, who got their livelihood by their art.* These towers were erected likewise for Purait, or Puratheia, where the rites of fire were performed: but Purait, or Puraitus, the Greeks changed to Προϊτος; and gave out that the towers were built for <sup>52</sup> Proetus, whom they made a king of that country.

I imagine, that not only the common idea of the Cyclopians was taken from towers and edifices; but that the term Κυκλωψ, and Κυκλωπις, Cuclops, and Cuclopiis, signified a building or temple; and, from thence the people had their name. They were of the same family as the Cadmians, and Phoenices; and as the Hivites, or Ophites who came from Egypt, and settled near Libanus and Baal Hermon,

λος Αστεριη. Callimach. H. in Delon. V. 37. and 40. Asteria signifies the island of After.

<sup>51</sup> L. 8. p. 572.

<sup>52</sup> Pausanias mentions the apartments of the daughters of Proetus. L. 2. p. 169. But the daughters of Proetus were properly the virgins who officiated at the Purait, the young priestesses of the Deity.

The Sicilian Cyclopes were three, because there were three towers only, erected upon the islands called Cyclopum Scopuli; and that they were lighthouses is apparent from the name which still remains: for they are at this day stiled Faraglioni, according to Fazellus. The Cyclopes of Tiryns were seven, as we learn from Strabo; because the towers probably were in number so many. From this circumstance we may presume, that the ideas of the ancients concerning the Cyclopians were taken from the buildings, which they erected.



upon the confines of Canaan. They worshiped the Sun under the symbol of a serpent: hence they were stiled in different parts, where they in time settled, Europeans, Oropians, Anopians, Inopians, Afopians, Elopian; all which names relate to the worship of the Pytho Ops, or Opis. What may be the precise etymology of the term *Κυκλωψ*, Cuclops, I cannot presume to determine. Cuclops, as a personage, was said to have been the son of <sup>53</sup> Ouranus and the earth: which Ouranus among the Amonians was often stiled Cœl, or Cœlus; and was worshiped under the forementioned emblem of a serpent. Hence the temple of the Deity may have been originally called Cu-Cœl-Ops, Domus Cœli Pythonis; and the priests and people Cucelopians. But whatever may have been the purport of the name, the history of these personages is sufficiently determinate.

There was a place in Thrace called <sup>54</sup> Cuclops, where some of the Cyclopiæ race had settled: for many of the Amonians came hither. Hence Thrace seems at one time to have been the seat of science: and the Athenians acknowledged, that they borrowed largely from them. The natives were very famous; particularly the Pierians for

<sup>53</sup> The Cyclopiæ buildings were also called Ouranian. *Κυκλωπεία τῆς Ὀυρανίας τειχεα*. Euripid. *Electra*. V. 1158.

<sup>54</sup> Both Cuclops, and Cuclopes, was the name of a place. We may therefore, I think, be pretty well assured, that the Cyclopiæ were from hence denominated. And as sacred places had their names from the Deity, to whom they were dedicated, it is very probable, that the Cuclopiæ towers were named from Cœlus Ops, the Deity there worshiped: for I have shewn, that this people were the reputed children of Ouranus, and Cœlus,

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their musick, the Peonians for pharmacy, and the Edonians for their rites and worship. Those, who went under the name of Cyclopes, probably introduced architecture; for which art they seem to have been every where noted. There was a fountain in these parts, of which Aristotle takes notice, as of a wonderful nature. <sup>55</sup> *Εν δὲ Κυκλωψι τοῖς Θραξὶ κρηνιδίον ἐστίν, ὕδωρ ἐχὼν, ὃ τῇ μὲν ὀψεί καθαρόν, καὶ διαφανές, καὶ τοῖς ἄλλοις ὅμοιον· ὅταν δὲ πῖνῃ τι ζῶον ἐξ αὐτῆς, παραχρημα διαφθείρεται.* *In the region of the Cyclopians of Thrace is a fountain, clear to the eye, and pure, and in no wise differing from common water: of which however if an animal drinks, it is immediately poisoned.* There is another account given by Theopompus; who speaks of the people by the name of the Chropes, which is a contraction for Charopes. He says, that even going into the water was fatal. <sup>56</sup> *Θεοπόμπος ἰσχυρεῖ κρηνὴν ἐν Χρωψί τῆς Θρακίης, ἐξ ἧς τὰς λασταμύνας παραχρημα μεταλλάσσειν.* *Theopompus mentions a fountain among the Charopes of Thrace, in which if a person attempts to bathe, he immediately loses his life.* I have taken notice of this history, because we find, that the persons, who are called <sup>57</sup> Cuclopes by one writer, are stiled Char-opes by another, and very justly: for the terms are nearly of the same purport. The Charopes were denominated from a temple, and place called Char-Ops, or Char-Opis, locus

<sup>55</sup> Aristoteles de mirabil. auscult. P. 732.

<sup>56</sup> In excerptis apud Sotionem. See not. Meursii in Antigoni Carystii. P. 183.

<sup>57</sup> Of the Cyclopians of Thrace see Scholia in Euripid. Orest. V. 966. Κυκλωπες, Θρακικὸν ἔθνος. Also Scholia in Statia Theb. L. 2. p. 104.



Dei Pythonis : and the Cyclopes were, as I have before supposed, denominated from Cu-Cœl-Ops, or Cu-Cœl-Opis, the temple of the same Deity. They were both equally named from the Ophite God, the great object of their adoration, and from the temple, where he was worshiped.

The head of Medusa in Argolis is said to have been the work of the <sup>58</sup> Cyclopians. This seems to have been an ancient hieroglyphical representation upon the temple of Caphisus. It was usual with the Egyptians and other Amonians to describe upon the Architrave of their temples some emblem of the Deity, who there presided. This representation was often an eagle, or vulture ; a wolf, or a lion ; also an heart, or an eye. The last, as I have shewn, was common to the temples of <sup>59</sup> Osiris, and was intended to signify the superintendency of Providence, from whom nothing was hid. Among others the serpent was esteemed a most salutary emblem : and they made use of it to signify superiour skill, and knowledge. A beautiful female countenance surrounded with an assemblage of serpents was made to denote divine wisdom, which they stiled Meed, and Meet, the Μητις of the Greeks. Under this characteristic they represented an heavenly personage, and joined her with Eros, or divine Love : and by these two they supposed that the present mundane system was produced. Orpheus speaks of this Deity in the masculine gender :

<sup>58</sup> Παρα δὲ τοῖς ἱεροῖς τῆς Κηφισσοῦ Μεθυσθῆς λίθῳ πεποιημένη κεφαλὴ. Κυκλωπῶν φασὶν εἶναι καὶ τὰτο ἐργον. Pausan. L. 2. p. 156. Κηφισσος, Doricè Καφισσος, vel Καφιστος : from Caph-Isis, Petra Deæ Isidis.

<sup>59</sup> Ἡελίου, ὃς παντ' ἐφορᾷ καὶ παντ' ὑπακβεῖ. Homer. Odyss. L. Λ. v. 108.



<sup>60</sup> Καὶ Μητις, πρῶτος γενετῶρ, καὶ Ἐρως πολυτερεπής.

On this account many ancient temples were ornamented with this curious hieroglyphic: and among others the temple of Caphifus.<sup>61</sup> in Argolis. Caphifus is a compound of Caph-Isis, which signifies Petra Ifidis, and relates to the same Deity as Metis. For we must not regard sexes, nor difference of appellations, when we treat of ancient deities.

<sup>62</sup> Ἀρσην μὲν καὶ θήλυς ἐφύς, πολεματοκε Μητι.

<sup>63</sup> Παντοφύης, γενετῶρ πάντων, πολυώνυμε Δαίμον.

I have taken notice that the Cyclopians of Thrace were stiled Charopes; which name they must have received from their rites, and place of worship. Char-Opis signifies the temple of the Python, or serpent: and we find that it was situated near a poisonous pool. It was sacred to the Sun: and there were many temples of this name in <sup>64</sup> Egypt, and other countries. The Sun was called Arez; and the lion, which was an emblem of the Sun, had the same denomina-

<sup>60</sup> Orphic Fragment. 6. V. 19. the same as Phanes, and Dionusius. Frag. 8. V. 2. Schol. ibid.

<sup>61</sup> Hence the stream and lake of Cephifus in Bœotia were stiled ὕδατα καὶ λίμνη Κηφισσίδος: by the ancient Dorians expressed Καφ-ισσίδος, from Καφ-Ισις.

<sup>62</sup> Orphic Hymn. 31. V. 10.

<sup>63</sup> Hymn. 10. V. 10. Metis was the same as Pan:

Meed-Ous, whence came Μεδουσα, is exactly analogous to Cotinousa, Aithousa, Alphiousa, Ampelousa, Pithecousa, Scotousa, Arginousa, Lampadousa, Amathousa, Ophioufa, Asterousa; and signifies the temple of Metis, or divine wisdom. After-Ous was a temple on Mount Caucasus: Amath-Ous, the same in Cyprus: Ampel-Ous, a temple in Mauritania: Alphi-Ous, in Elis: Achor-Ous, in Egypt: all dedicated to the Deity under different titles.

<sup>64</sup> Χασμασι λεοντειοις τὰ τῶν ἱερῶν θυρώματα κοσμεῖσιν (οἱ Αἰγυπτιοί.) Plutarch. Isis et Osiris. P. 366.

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tion: and there is reason to think, that the device upon Charopian temples was sometimes a lion. Homer undoubtedly had seen the fierce figure of this animal upon some sacred portal in Egypt; to which he often alludes, when he speaks of a Charopian lion.

<sup>65</sup> Ἀρκτοίτ', ἀγροτεροί τε Συεε, χαροποὶ τε Λεόντες.

The devices upon temples were often esteemed as talismans, and supposed to have an hidden, and salutary influence, by which the building was preserved. In the temple of Minerva at Tegea was some sculpture of Medusa, which the Goddess was said to have given, <sup>66</sup> ἀναλωτὸν ἐς τὸν πάντα χρόνον εἶναι (τὴν πόλιν); *to preserve the city from ever being taken in war.* It was probably from this opinion, that the <sup>67</sup> Athenians had the head of Medusa represented upon the walls of their acropolis: and it was the insigne of many cities, as we may find from ancient coins. The notion of the Cyclopes framing the thunder and lightning for Jupiter arose chiefly from the Cyclopians engraving hieroglyphics of this sort upon the temples of the Deity. Hence they were represented as persons,

<sup>65</sup> Odyss. A. V. 610. It is a term which seems to have puzzled the commentators. Χαροποὶ, ἐπιπληκτικαί, φοβεροί. Scholiast. Ibid. It was certainly an Amonian term: and the Poet alluded to a Charopian temple.

Τῆς δ' ἦν Τρεῖς κεφαλαί, μία μὲν χαροποῖο λεόντος. Hesiod. Theogon. V. 321. Homer, in another place mentions,

Λυκῶν κλαγγὴν, χαροπῶν τε Λεόντων. Hymn. eis Μητέρα θεῶν. V. 4.

As a lion was from hence stiled Charops, so from another temple it was named Charon. Χαρων ὁ λέων. Hesych. Achilles is stiled Αἰχμητὴς Χαρων, Lycoph. V. 260. a martial Charonian Lion.

<sup>66</sup> Pausan. L. 8. p. 696.

<sup>67</sup> Pausan. L. 1. p. 49.





MEDUSA.

*From a Gem in the Collection of*  
*His GRACE the Duke of MARLBOROUGH.*

*James Basire sculp*



<sup>8</sup> 'Οἱ Ζηνὶ βροντὴν τ' ἔδοσαν, τεύξαν τε κεραυνόν.

The Poets considered them merely in the capacity of blacksmiths, and condemned them to the anvil. This arose from the chief Cyclopiān Deity being called Acmon, and Pyracmon. He was worshiped under the former title in Phrygia; where was a city and district called Acmonia, mentioned by Alexander <sup>69</sup> Polyhistor. The Amazonians paid the like reverence: and there was a sacred grove called Acmonium upon the <sup>70</sup> Thermodon, which was held in great repute. He was by some looked upon as the offspring of heaven; by others worshiped as Ouranus, and Coelus, the heaven itself: and Acmonides was supposed to have been his <sup>71</sup> son, whom some of the mythologists made the ruling spirit of the earth. Hence Simmias Rhodius introduces Divine Love displaying his influence, and saying, that he produced

<sup>68</sup> Hesiod. Theogon. V. 141. Scholia Apollon. L. i. v. 730.

Κυκλωπες τοτε Διι μεν διδρασι βροντην, και αστραπην, και κεραυνον. Apollodorus. L. i. p. 4.

<sup>69</sup> See Stephanus. Ακμονια πολις Φρυγιας. κτλ. He styles Acmon Ακμονα τον Μανews. Manes was the chief Deity of Lydia, Lycia, and Persis; and the same as Menes of Egypt.

There was a city Acmonia in Thrace. Ptol. L. 5. p. 138.

<sup>70</sup> Εστι και αλλο Ακμονιον αλσος περι Θερμαδοντα. Steph. Byzant. Apollonius takes notice of Αλσεος Ακμονιοιο. L. 2. v. 994. Here Mars was supposed to have married Harmonia the mother of the Amazonians.

<sup>71</sup> Acmonides is represented as a patronymic; but there is reason to think that it is an Amonian compound, Acmon-Ades, Acmon the God of light, the same as Coelus, Cronus, and Osiris. Acmon and Acmonides were certainly the same person: Ακμων Κρονος, Ουρανος. Hesych. Ακμονιδης, ο Χαρων, και ο Ουρανος. ibid. He was the Cyclopiān God, to whom different departments were given by the mythologists. Charon Cyclops is mentioned by Lycophron. V. 659. above quoted.



Acmonides, that mighty monarch of the earth, and at the same time founded the sea. <sup>72</sup> Λευσσε με τον Γας τε βαρυσερυσ Ανακτ' Ακμονιδαν, ταν αλα θ' εδρασαντα.

Acmon seems to have been worshiped of old at Tiryns, that ancient city of Greece, whose towers were said to have been built by the Cyclopians. For Acmon was the Cyclopians Deity; and is represented by Callimachus as the tutelary God of the place, though the passage has been otherwise interpreted.

<sup>73</sup> Τοιος γαρ αει Τιβυνθιος Ακμων

Εσηκε προ πυλων.

The term has commonly been looked upon as an adjective; and the passage has been rendered Talis Tirynthius indefessus, which is scarce sense. Callimachus was very knowing in mythology, and is here speaking of the Cyclopians God Acmon, whom he makes the θεος προπυλαιος, or guardian Deity of the place. It was the same God, that was afterwards called Hercules, and particularly stiled Tirynthius, to whom Callimachus here alludes under a more ancient name.

As the Cyclopians were great artists, they probably were famous for works in brass, and iron: and that circumstance in their history may have been founded in truth. The Idæi Dactyli were Cyclopians: and they are said to have first forged metals, and to have reduced them to common <sup>74</sup> use; the

<sup>72</sup> Simmiæ Rhodii Πτερυγια. Theocritus. Heinsii. P. 214.

<sup>73</sup> Callimachi Hymn. in Dianam. V. 146.

<sup>74</sup> Δακτυλοι Ιδαιοι Κρηταεες. Apollonius Rhod. L. I. v. 1129.



the knowledge of which art they obtained from the fusion of minerals at the burning of mount<sup>75</sup> Ida. Whether this was an eruption of fire from the internal part of the mountain, or only a fire kindled among the forests, which crowned its summit, cannot be determined. It was an event of ancient date; and admitted, as a remarkable epocha, in the most early series of chronology. From this event the Curetes, and Corybantes, who were the same as the<sup>76</sup> Idæi Dactyli, are supposed to have learned the mystery of fusing and forging metals. From them it was propagated to many countries westward; particularly to the Pangæan mountains, and the region Curetis, where the Cyclopians dwelt in Thrace: also to the region Trinacia and Leontina near Ætna, which they occupied in Sicily.

Thus have I endeavoured to shew the true history<sup>77</sup> and antiquity of this people: and we may learn from their

The Scholiast upon this Poet takes notice of only three; of which one was Acmon:

Κελμῖς, Δαμναμενεὺς τε μέγας, καὶ ὑπερβίος Ἀκμῶν,

Οἱ πρῶτοι τέχνην πολυμήτιος Ἡφαίστιο

Εὖρον ἐν βρείησι ναπαῖς ἰοέντα σιδήρον,

Ες πυρ τ' ἠνεγκαν, καὶ ἀριπρεπὲς ἔργον ἐδείξαν.

These verses are quoted from the ancient author, ὁ τὴν φορῶνιδά συνθεῖς.

Diodorus Siculus, L. i. p. 333. says, that some made the Idæi Dactyli ten in number; others an hundred.

<sup>75</sup> Clemens Alexand. Strom. L. i. p. 401. Strabo. L. 10. p. 725.

<sup>76</sup> Strabo. L. 10. p. 715. They are by Tatianus Assyrius spoken of as the Cyclopes, and the same invention attributed to them. Χαλκευεῖν Κυκλωπες (ἐδίδαξαν). P. 243.

Fabricam ferrariam primi excogitârunt Cyclopes. See Hoffman. Ferrum.

<sup>77</sup> Κυκλωπες, Θρακικὸν ἔθνος, ἀπὸ Κυκλωπος βασιλεὺς ἔως ὀνομαζόμενοι.— πλείονες δὲ αὐτῶν ἐν τῇ Κρητῖδι ἦσαν δὲ ἈΡΙΣΤΟΙ ΤΕΧΝΙΤΑΙ. Schol. in Euripid. Orest. V. 966.



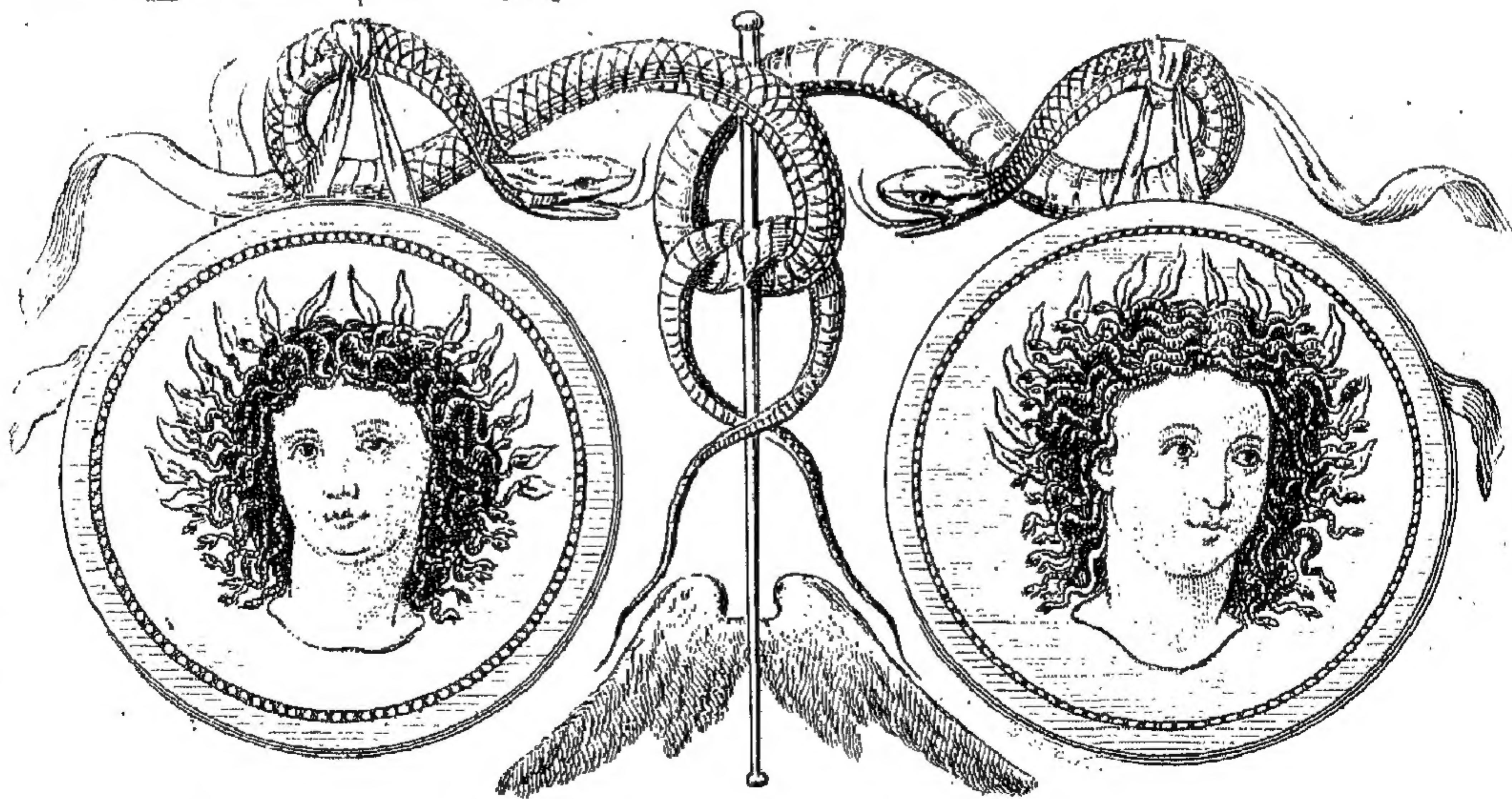
their works, <sup>78</sup> that there was a time, when they were held in high estimation. They were denominated from their worship: and their chief Deity among other titles was stiled Acmon, and Pyracmon. They seem to have been great in many sciences: but the term Acmon signifying among the Greeks an anvil, the Poets have limited them to one base department, and considered them as so many blacksmiths. And as they resided near Ætna, they have made the burning mountain their forge.:

<sup>79</sup> Ferrum exercebant vasto Cyclopes in antro,  
Brontesque, Steropesque, et nudus membra Pyracmon.

Mention is afterwards made των εκ της Κερητιδος Κυκλωπων. The Curetes worshiped Cronus: so that Cronus and Cuclops, were the same. See Porphyry de Abstin. L. 2. p. 225.

<sup>78</sup> They are said to have made the altar upon which the Gods were sworn, when the Titans rebelled against Jupiter. Scholiast upon Aratus. P. 52. In memorial of this altar an Asterism was formed in the Sphere, denominâted ἑωμος, ara.

<sup>79</sup> Virgil Æn. L. 8. v. 424.



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